

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE - THE METHODIST CHURCH

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Including

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD



"God's Work In Our Time"

THE METHODIST CHURCH

1963 - 1964

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES — 1964-1965

First Period June 1, 1964, to November 5, 1964

June 19-21.....Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Mt. Sequoyah
 June 22-26.....Jurisdiction School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah
 July 31-Aug. 2.....Guild Weekend, Centenary College
 August 3-7.....Conference School of Missions, Centenary College
 September.....Workshops on Program and Purpose In A New Age
 Oct. 4-Nov. 4.....Itineration of Miss Maryruth Nickels
 October 25-31.....Call to Prayer and Self Denial
 Oct. 31-Nov. 1.....Guild Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, Alexandria
 November 4-6.....Mid-Year Conference Executive Committee Meeting, Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston

Second Period November 5, 1964, to June 1, 1965

November 5.....Send Evaluation Reports to District Officers
 February.....Election of Woman's Society and Guild Officers. Send names to District Recording Secretary
 February 16-18.....South Central Jurisdiction Meeting, First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas
 March 5.....World Day of Prayer
 March 9.....Spring Executive Committee Meeting, Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport
 March 10-12.....Annual Meeting, Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport
 March 13-14.....Annual Meeting, Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport
 Mar. 29-Apr. 9.....Annual Spring District Meetings, Woman's Society

District	Church	Date
Alexandria.....	First Methodist Church, Winnfield.....	April 2
Baton Rouge.....	Blackwater Methodist Church.....	April 7
Lafayette.....	First Methodist Church, New Iberia.....	March 31
Lake Charles.....	First Methodist Church, Welsh.....	March 31
Monroe.....	Sevier Methodist, Ferriday.....	March 31
New Orleans.....	First Methodist Church, New Orleans.....	March 31
Ruston.....	First Methodist Church, Minden.....	March 31
Shreveport.....	Cedar Grove Methodist Church, Shreveport	March 31

April 18.....Easter Sunday
 May 5.....Send Evaluation Reports to District Officers

Summer, 1965

June 7-11.....Regional School of Christian Mission, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas
 June 18-20.....Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, Mt. Sequoyah
 AugustConference School of Christian Mission, Centenary College

CALENDAR OF TREASURERS (See Inside of Back Cover)

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Louisiana Conference

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Annual Meeting Held At

LAFAYETTE MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM

Lafayette, Louisiana

March 11-13, 1964

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PURPOSE
of the
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
and
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and to challenge them to respond to God's redemptive purpose in the world.

Toward the realization of this purpose, the Woman's Society and Guild shall provide opportunities and resources which will help women: grow in understanding and spiritual power; increase their knowledge of needs in the world; and share through witness and service in the outreach of the Church.

The Woman's Society and Guild shall enlist workers and secure funds for the fulfilment of their responsibility in the mission of the Church at home and overseas.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY GOALS:

1. Growth in Understanding and Spiritual Power.
2. Increase in Knowledge of Needs in the World.
3. Sharing through Witness and Service in the Outreach of the Church.

HISTORICAL PAGE

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL HISTORY

Year	Membership WSCS	Membership WSG	Total Giving*
1940	10,774	None	\$ 32,175.00
1941	10,360	642	40,118.45
1942	9,164	673	45,822.73
1943	8,574	705	50,698.08
1944	7,930	789	63,705.95
1945	8,589	977	67,874.58
1946-47	9,304	1173	77,957.93
1947-48	9,707	1308	95,626.78
1948-49	10,100	1443	100,214.01
1949-50	10,944	1637	101,472.32
1950-51	11,855	1701	108,344.98
1951-52	12,125	1689	116,483.71
1952-53	12,686	1839	125,232.38
1953-54	13,115	1926	141,225.25
1954-55	13,310	1863	146,269.53
1955-56	13,813	1875	150,957.47
1956-57	13,994	1968	155,947.42
1957-58	13,998	2002	160,797.97
1958-59	13,964	2039	161,745.66
1959-60	13,704	2172	167,080.34
1960-61	13,581	2172	167,905.51
1961-62	13,782	2194	171,232.32
1962-63	13,290	1933	170,536.09
1963-64	12,965	1917	169,913.25

*Total giving includes figures for the Wesleyan Service Guild.

Annual Meetings

- 1940—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, October 23, Charter Meeting.
- 1941—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, April 29-May 1.
- 1942—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, April 14-16.
- 1943—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 30-April 1.
- 1944—First Methodist Church, Crowley, March 28-30.
- 1945—No Annual Meeting, Executive Meeting only.
- 1946—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 19-21.
- 1947—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, April 8-10.
- 1948—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16-18.
- 1949—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 22-24.
- 1950—Trinity Methodist Church, Ruston, March 28-30.
- 1951—First Methodist Church, Monroe, October 23-24.
- 1952—First Methodist Church, Lafayette, March 18-19.
- 1953—University Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 17-19.
- 1954—Rayne Memorial Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 24-26.
- 1955—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 18-20.
- 1956—First Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 2-4.
- 1957—First Methodist Church, Alexandria, March 13-15.
- 1958—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 18-20.
- 1959—First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, March 4-6.
- 1960—Noel Memorial Methodist Church, Shreveport, March 16-18.
- 1961—First Methodist Church, Lake Charles, March 15-17.
- 1962—First Methodist Church, New Orleans, March 14-16.
- 1963—First Methodist Church, Monroe, March 13-15.
- 1964—Lafayette Municipal Auditorium, Lafayette, March 11-13.

Past Conference Presidents

- 1940-41—Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., 533 Dudley Drive, Shreveport
- 1941-1946—Mrs. John B. Pollard, 3212 Rosedale, Dallas, Texas
- 1946-1954—Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, 710 N. Vienna, Ruston
- 1954-1958—Mrs. Chas. N. Cadwallader, 6215 St. Charles Ave., New Orleans
- 1958-1962—Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, P. O. Box 88, Shreveport

DEACONESSSES ACTIVE in LOUISIANA

- Miss Barbara Boultinghouse, Teacher, Sager-Brown School, Baldwin
Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent, Sager-Brown School, Baldwin
Miss Fae L. Daves, Director, St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart, New Orleans
Miss Norma Garlington, Director Christian Education, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Monroe
Miss Patricia Gibson, Educational Director, Dulac Community Center, Box 1150, Dulac
Miss Evelyn Murphree, Case Work Supervisor, Methodist Home Hospital, New Orleans
Miss Shiela Nuttall, Conference Director of Children's Work, Box 4325, Shreveport
Miss Phoebe Reynolds, Teacher, Sager-Brown School, Baldwin

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Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr.

Mrs. T. Luster James

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.

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1. Mrs. T. M. Ellis

2. Mrs. W. B. Gardner

3. Mrs. Glen Nurdyke, Sr.

4. Mrs. J. B. Kelley

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Noel	Mrs. J. F. Rosett, 961 Audubon Pl., Shreveport, 71105
North Highland	Mrs. J. H. Wynne, 5426 Old M'sport Rd., Shreveport, 71107
St. Luke	Mrs. T. E. Kirkpatrick, 127 Swede's Ave., Shreveport
Summer Grove	Mrs. K. G. Feazel, 1812 Shady Lane Dr., Shreveport, 71108
Trinity	Mrs. E. D. Walsh, 6005 So. Lakeshore Dr., Shreveport, 71109
Wesley	Mrs. Jerry Ross, 3855 Victory Dr., Shreveport, 71104
Wynn	Mrs. T. W. Carroll, 2424 Queens Highway, Shreveport, 71103

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

1963 - 1964

The Administrative Committee met in the library of James Dormitory, Centenary College, on August 6, 1963, with the President, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, presiding. Those present were Mesdames Dameron, M. R. Tatum, Carl Gallaher, T. Haller Jackson, Wideman Watson, B. F. Patterson, Jr. Mesdames Glen R. Nordyke, T. Luster James, and Wade Stonecipher, representing the hostess district and local societies for the 1963 mid-year meeting, were present by invitation.

Mrs. Gallaher read a letter from Mrs. W. L. Perryman, Vice-President of the Woman's Division, pertaining to money that may be sent by members of the Woman's Societies to aid in furnishing the Prayer Room at the new Church Center in honor of Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, retiring president of the Woman's Division. Mrs. Gallaher then read a recommendation from the Committee on Finance that we send \$100.00 from the Conference cultivation fund as a gift for inclusion in the tribute to Mrs. Tillman to complete and furnish the Chapel at the Church Center for the United Nations. She moved the adoption of this recommendation. **Motion carried.**

Plans for the 1963 mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee were discussed. Mrs. Jackson presented plans for a retreat to be held on the day preceding this meeting.

Mrs. Dameron spoke of the need for insurance for all of our meetings and stated that prices and recommendations would be brought to the mid-year meeting.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Secretary pro tem

(Approved by Executive Committee, Nov. 6, 1963)

In February, the Administrative committee, polled by mail, voted (1) to recommend to the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service that special memberships be given Misses Barbara Boultinghouse and Shirley Manning, both of whom are teachers at Sager-Brown School and were commissioned Deaconesses in January, in addition to a special membership to be given to Miss Phoebe Reynolds who was commissioned Deaconess in November; (2) to recommend that the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society give to Bishop and Mrs. Walton honorary memberships, and that the presentation be made at the Annual Meeting in Lafayette, March 11-13. (Approved by Executive Committee, March 10, 1964.)

On May 16, 1964, the members of the Administrative Committee, polled by personal interview and telephone, approved adding the amounts of the offerings taken at the Annual Meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, in March, 1964, to the payment on the Conference Pledge to Missions for 1964-1965.

Mrs. George H. Thomas, Recording Secretary

MID-YEAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Baton Rouge, Louisiana — November 6, 7, 1963

The mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 2:45 p.m., November 6, 1963, in the sanctuary of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, with the President, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, presiding. This followed a Day Apart held the previous day in this church.

In the opening service of worship, Mrs. T. Haller Jackson brought the thought, "Christ has no hands but our hands" to lead man today. The Woman's Society, a vital part of the church's great missionary effort throughout the world, is dependent on the individual. Amazing results happen when one dedicates what he is and has to God. Today our challenge is to make a more effective witness. Through our joy of service, others will be attracted to Christianity. She closed this devotional period with prayer.

Mrs. Dameron presented Mrs. Wade Stonecipher, president of the Broadmoor Woman's Society, who spoke words of welcome.

The roll was called by the Recording Secretary. Those present were: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. S. B. Dampier, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., Mrs. Warren Orr, Mrs. Wideman Watson, Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke, Sr., Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. Charles Giessen (arrived following the dinner hour), Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Mrs. George Sexton, Mrs. J. H. McSween, Mrs. C. W. Tebow, Mrs. T. Luster James, Mrs. W. W. Hyde, Mrs. Robert S. Reich, Mrs. M. Eloi Girard, Mrs. Shirley Ellender, Mrs. A. J. McGrede, Mrs. S. A. Seegers, Mrs. E. E. James, Mrs. R. R. Cahal, Mrs. W. G. Johnston, Mrs. Max L. Clayton, Mrs. L. C. Aycock, Mrs. J. T. Spencer, Mrs. Cecil Read, Mrs. W. D. Snelling, Mrs. W. B. Gardner.

Mrs. Dameron presented and welcomed to the committee: Three new district Secretaries of Promotion — Mrs. Robert Reich, Baton Rouge District; Mrs. E. E. James, Monroe District; Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Shreveport District; the new Treasurer of Monroe District, Mrs. P. N. Siudy (in absentia); and the Conference Historian, Mrs. George Sexton, a former Conference and Jurisdiction President.

The minutes of the Administrative Committee were read and approved. Action of the Administrative Committee contained in these minutes was the approval of a recommendation from the Committee on Finance that \$100.00 be sent from the Conference cultivation fund as a gift for inclusion in a tribute to Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, retiring president of the Woman's Division, to aid in completing and furnishing the Chapel at the Church Center for United Nations.

Correspondence was read, and corrections for the directory of the **Twenty-Third Annual Report** of the Conference Society were distributed by the Recording Secretary.

Committees were appointed as follows: **Journal**, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Aycock; **Resolutions**: Mrs. McCammon, Mrs. Clayton.

A ten minute recess was called for coffee, served as a courtesy of the Live Oak Woman's Society.

Mrs. Laskey brought a report from a meeting of the Woman's Division which was attended by the conference presidents and treasurers from all the United States, Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico at which plans were made for the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration to be launched on January 19th, 1964, and to continue until May, 1966. Emphasis will be given to these plans through 1964 annual meetings, summer schools, and in other ways. She also spoke of proposed changes in the Board of Missions on which a final decision will be made in January, 1964. She attended the dedication of the Church Center in New York built by the Methodist Church and situated across from the United Nations building. She is impressed with the great contribution that she feels it can make to world peace. She reported the very serious illness of Mrs. J. D. Bragg, former president of the Woman's Division.

The eight district presidents each gave a report on the progress made in her district on the project chosen for the year at the time of the district officer training session in Alexandria, and on how it had been accomplished. Those reporting were Mesdames Snelling, Shreveport District; Aycock, Ruston District, assisted by Mrs. Read; Cahal, New Orleans District; Seegers, Monroe District; McGrede, Lake Charles District; Girard, Lafayette District; James, Baton Rouge District; and Dameron for Alexandria District in the absence of Mrs. S. E. Richardson.

Dinner was served in the fellowship hall as a courtesy of the Woman's Society of Istrouma Methodist Church. The Reverend Ira Flowers returned thanks. Mrs. Dameron presented Reverend Flowers, pastor of Istrouma Church; Mrs. Flowers; Mrs. D. R. Batchelder, president of Istrouma Woman's Society; and members of this Society who served as hostesses for the evening.

A report on the Second Conference on Human Relations was given by Mrs. Dameron and Mrs. McCammon, who served as delegates appointed by Bishop Walton, and Mrs. Laskey, who was a member of the planning committee. The message of this Conference has been published and may be obtained from the Service Department of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, 100 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, at five cents per copy.

Reports of the officers and secretaries of lines of work followed.

Vice President: Because of illness of Mrs. Tatum, there was no report from this office.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Thomas reported that the usual work relating to the office had been performed, including editing the **Twenty-Third Annual Report**.

Treasurer: Mrs. Gallaher gave the following report for first quarter, 1963-64.

Total Balance, May 20, 1963	\$15,023.46
Receipts first quarter	39,485.35
Total to Account for	\$54,508.81

Disbursements:

To Woman's Division	23,269.92
Louisiana Moral & Civic Foundation	532.28
Conference Cultivation Expense	4,600.00
Transient Funds	2,208.50
	30,610.70

Balance, August 20, 1963	23,898.11
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Distributed as follows:

First Federal Savings & Loan Assn.	
Alexandria, La., Supply Account	3,438.56
First Federal Savings & Loan Assn.	
Alexandria, La., Special Account	1,293.97
Rapides Bldg. & Loan Assn.	
Alexandria, La.,	3,000.00
Whitney National Bank,	
New Orleans, La.	
Cultivation Fund	15,640.58
Recruitment Fund	525.00

16,165.58

\$23,898.11

Total Accounted for \$54,508.81

Secretary of Youth Work: Mrs. Giessen reported the following activities made available to youth during 1963 by the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service: the youth banuquet at the Annual Meeting of the Conference Woman's Society, attended by 190 boys and girls, at which a challenging message was given by Miss Allene Ford, Secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division; an out-of-state mission tour directed by Miss Louise Sharp, July 1-12, in which 21 boys and girls from 7 of the 8 districts participated; a youth section at the Conference School of Missions, made up of 3 girls from each district. Mrs. Giessen served on the Committee on Youth Work of the Louisiana Conference throughout the year. At the Methodist Youth Fellowship Assembly, held in Shreveport in June, she served as dormitory counsellor, as a Study Group Leader, as a leader for an interest group on missions, and attended Youth Council meetings as an ex-officio member. A delegate from the Youth Council was sent to the

South Central Jurisdiction Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, which was attended also by one youth from each district in Louisiana and two from one district. At the Methodist Youth Fellowship Regional Leadership Conference, Mrs. R. M. Bingham, the Ruston District Secretary of Youth Work, was in attendance. The youth materials for the 1964 mission studies were presented in each of the eight district seminars.

Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild: In the absence of Miss Arline Tyler, her report was read by the Secretary. She reported that for the last fiscal year the Wesleyan Service Guild pledge was paid in full, with some districts failing to meet their obligation and others overpaying. There was a loss in membership. Attendance at Jurisdiction Guild Weekend was below quota, but representation at Jurisdiction School of Missions was up, with every line of work represented. At Conference Guild Weekend there were 149 in attendance, with 39 "first timers." Guild clinic at Conference School of Missions enrolled 27 Guilders. She announced that the fall Coaching Conference was only on the district and local levels this year, and that the mid-year Conference Guild Committee meeting will be held in Alexandria, Nov. 9-10, immediately following the mid-year meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service Executive Committee. She spoke of the greatest potential of the Guild as the organizing of new units and to this end requested the support of each district secretary, secretary of promotion, district superintendent, and local pastor.

Secretary of Supply Work: Mrs. McGowan stated that at Jurisdiction School of Missions, which she attended, the clinic on Supply Work was conducted largely by Mrs. Wayne Harrington from the Woman's Division. One meeting was held with the treasurers in which Miss Florence Little, Division Treasurer, explained that the great need and the lack of funds to meet the needs necessitated the large increase in the Supply Work Askings. There was the realization that the continuing increase in askings for Supply Work must be stopped and the women must be urged to increase their pledges. Askings of the whole Division are not to be increased in 1964-1965. About half of the askings have been paid in the Conference for this year. Christmas gifts will supplement the askings. Seventy thousand Red Scissors coupons were collected and sent to St. Mark's during the past year, with a redemption value of \$322.37. The quota for the current year is 60,000 coupons, 5,000 more than the preceding year.

Secretary of Student Work: Mrs. Howe reported that a busload of Louisiana students and Directors of Wesley Foundations participated in a Regional Methodist Student Movement Leadership Training Conference at the Lakeview Assembly in Palestine, Texas, where they gave excellent leadership in many phases of the program. She stated that the Committee on Student Work of the Board of Missions has asked that special emphasis be put on work with international students and on closer cooperation with the campus ministry. A list is available of international students who participate in the various units of Methodist Student Movement in the Conference. In search for an effective way to cooperate with the campus ministry, a plan is underway for pre-college-entrance conferences of students and parents with the Director of Methodist Student Work at the College the student will be attending. Local secretaries of student work will be asked to assist with this program.

Secretary of Spiritual Life: Mrs. Jackson reported that seven of the eight District Secretaries of Spiritual Life attended Officer Training in Alexandria, May 1-2, two of whom later moved out of the district and had to be replaced. She has kept in close touch with the District Secretaries and has sent, through them, two mailings to the local Secretaries of Spiritual Life. She took the study, "An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics" at both the Jurisdiction and Conference School of Missions and had the assistance of Mrs. Cecil Matthews, Jurisdiction Secretary of Spiritual Life, in her clinic at the Conference School. She helped to plan the DAY APART which preceded the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee. She called attention to the following: (1) in this department the emphases for the last of this quadrennium will be Evangelism and Stewardship, which should contri-

bute to growth through deepened Christian experience and Christian witness to unreached women; (2) the Spiritual Life Packet as such has been discontinued; (3) the guidance of the Fellowship of Intercession will be incorporated in the new Prayer Calendar, which will be off the press Nov. 15, 1963. The Calendar and the leaflet "Pray for World Leaders" will carry the emphasis formerly found in the Fellowship of Intercession card.

Secretary of Promotion: Mrs. Patterson reported a conference-wide training school for district officers and secretaries of lines of work held at First Methodist Church, Alexandria, on May 1 and 2, 1963, with all 15 Conference officers in attendance and the following district personnel present: Alexandria 12, Baton Rouge 13, Lafayette 9, Lake Charles 8, Monroe 11, New Orleans 8, Ruston 11, Shreveport 9. The total cost of the training was \$942.67. She stated that the Committee on Promotion recommends, subject to the approval of the Committee on Finance, that training be held every two years to increase the efficiency of the district officers and to promote a closer working relationship between the district officer and her respective conference officer. She announced that the South Central Jurisdiction has been chosen to conduct a pilot project on membership and visitation under the direction of Mrs. Lee Tidwell, and discussed how this is to be carried out in the Louisiana Conference. Copies of "A Primer on the Work of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild," prepared by Mrs. Dameron, were distributed to local societies. Plans are being made for special recognition, at the Annual Meeting, of local society achievements in this project. She also announced that Miss Maryruth Nickels, a Field Worker for the Woman's Division, will spend the month of October, 1964, in the Louisiana Conference working with the Societies and Guilds on the total program of the Woman's Division. The schedule for spring District meetings was read.

Secretary of Missionary Service: Mrs. Nordyke reported new workers in the Louisiana Conference as follows: Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Moon, who replaced Carl and Mildred Brunson at Dulac; Mrs. Ruth Dixon Maddy, who replaced Miss Hazel Cooper as director of Business Girls' Inn in Shreveport; and two new teachers at Sager-Brown School — Miss Jeanette Marks, US2, and Miss Shirley Manning, a contract teacher — in addition to Miss Phoebe Reynolds, who has returned to Sager-Brown. Miss Elma Ashby spent two weeks in Baton Rouge District in July sharing information about her work in Southern Rhodesia. She returns to her field in December. A revised list of all workers was given at seminars to all local societies with the hope that many cards and notes would be sent in love and appreciation to these dedicated workers.

Mrs. Laskey asked permission to give a report on **Sager-Brown School** at this time, stating that she would not be in attendance for the remainder of the session because of a scheduled meeting in Kansas City. She reported that after a very thorough study of this institution, the Woman's Division decided to continue the work there. It is the only one of its kind in the United States for homeless Negro children. A new teacherage and a new school building have been built and plans are underway for a new girls' dormitory in the future. Dedication of the new building will be held in the early part of 1964.

Secretary of Missionary Personnel: Mrs. McCammon stated that having received very few names of youth interested in church related vocation, she feels that the greatest need in her department of work is communication, for without names there is no way of contact. She served as dean of women at the Louisiana Conference Youth Assembly in the summer of 1963 and has been asked to serve on the staff in some capacity again next year. She was a delegate to the Human Relations Conference in Chicago in August. At the September mid-year meeting of the Louisiana Conference Commission on Christian Vocations, plans were made for promotion of Christian vocations in district and sub-district workshops and clinics, and for Dr. Richard Bauer of the Interboard committee on Christian Vocations to tour the Conference for a series of training workshops for members of local committees on Christian vocations. At the Christian Vocations weekend at Kansas City on October 18-20, the Louisiana Conference was represented by two Centenary College students, Misses Carol Wood and Betty Ann Vickers.

Secretary of Missionary Education: Mrs. Watson reported that 23 from Louisiana Conference attended the 1963 South Central Jurisdiction School of Missions. Dates for the 1964 Jurisdiction School are June 22-26, preceded by the Wesleyan Service Guild weekend. Nine district educational seminars were held in the Louisiana Conference, one of them for the Wesleyan Service Guild, with 279 societies represented by 1,413 persons. All districts held youth and children's workshops. Five filmstrips for use by all societies and Guild units throughout the Conference were purchased with part of the seminar fund. The filmstrips are "The Challenge of Change," "Dollars, Sense and Choices," "Lily Lal Becomes a Nurse," "New Day in Nepal," and "Women from Southern Asia." The Louisiana Conference School of Missions will be held August 3-7, 1964. The study courses and their instructors secured to date will be: (1) **The Church's Mission Among New Nations**, Mrs. Lamar S. Clark and Miss Miriam Brattain; (2) **The United States' Responsibility in the World of New Nations**, no teacher to date; (3) **Spanish Americans**, Mrs. W. W. Paxton, Mrs. Charles B. McGowan; (4) **Program in a New Age**, Miss Mildred Osment, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey; **Bible Study on Genesis**, Dr. Bond Flemming. The course on Program, new this year and to be taught in Conference Schools only, will use as its text the program book for 1964-65 and study materials. It will be open to the conference vice-president, the conference secretaries of Christian Social Relations, literature, missionary education and service, promotion, spiritual life, and to the district and local vice presidents. Others may be admitted if the class is not too large. The Bible study, in response to previous demands, is being planned with the view to having each person attending the school participate in an intensive study of the Bible that includes small group study as well as a lecture period.

For the year 1962-63, there were 349 Jurisdiction Recognition study courses held. The 1963 School of Missions had a total attendance of 342, with 292 enrolled in classes, and 116 churches represented.

With a prayer by the President, the session was recessed at 9:00 p.m., until the following morning.

THURSDAY MORNING

In a period of worship which opened the Thursday morning meeting, Mrs. McGowan led the group into an examination of the kind of thoughts we have and what they make of us, urging that we seek to have our thoughts God-given and God-directed so that they might be a source of power for good in a world of great need.

Reports were continued.

Secretary of Literature: Mrs. Orr outlined some changes that have been incorporated into the new format of **THE METHODIST WOMAN**, beginning with the September, 1963, issue, and stated that the editor would like to have comments and suggestions. During the summer, Literature Headquarters mailed to each local secretary of literature a sample packet of material for the Call to Prayer and Self Denial, the Record and Report Book, and the Treasurer's Remittance Pad, each to be given to the proper officer. Any correspondence about this or other literature needs of the society is the responsibility of this local secretary. She urged that we keep ourselves informed on our changing role in the world by reading **THE METHODIST WOMAN** and **THE WORLD OUTLOOK** and that we continually seek to interest others in reading them, recommending especially Christmas gift subscriptions. She expressed appreciation for assistance given in the literature room at Conference School of Missions and at seminars, and mentioned plans for the literature room at the 1964 Annual Meeting.

Secretary of Christian Social Relations: Mrs. Mouton stated that six of the eight districts have new secretaries of Christian social relations for this year. Six of them attended the clinic which she conducted at the officer training session in Alexandria in the spring. She attended Annual Conference in New Orleans; a meeting of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns where plans were made for the year; and two meetings of the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation. She reported that Mrs. Earl

Hotalen has replaced Mrs. D. W. Poole as a representative on LOSL and has accepted responsibility for promoting legislative activity and sending out information relative to this area of concern. The Christian Social Relations clinic at Conference School of Missions was conducted by Mrs. A. D. St. Amant in order to allow Mrs. Mouton to attend the National Seminar on Christian Social Relations in Tacoma, Washington, where she took part in formulating recommendations to be presented by the Department of Christian Social Relations to the General Conference in April, 1964. As a member of the U.N. Committee of the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns, she helped plan and project the United Nations seminar in Shreveport in the spring. She reported that study of the Charter of Racial Policies is asked of all local units with the recommendation that the film strip, "An Inclusive Church," be used in the local church. Participation of societies in the United Council of Church Women is recommended as a means of promoting the ecumenical movement, with the request that Methodist women take responsibility in this organization. Intelligent participation in the 1963-64 state and national elections is urged.

Mrs. Mouton presented the new Charter of Racial Policies, which has been ratified by all Jurisdictions except the South Central Jurisdiction. She recommended and urged that each member of the Executive Committee make an individual study of it.

Mrs. Dameron requested that a study of the charter be made sincerely, prayerfully, in the light of the teachings of Jesus. She stated that the charter would be voted on at the South Central Jurisdiction meeting in February, 1964, the voting to be an individual thing and not binding to the conference societies.

Secretary of Children's Work: Mrs. Dampier reported that six of the eight district secretaries of children's work attended the spring training session in Alexandria. The annual report for 1962-63 showed 257 secretaries of children's work with 197 reporting, 77 additional sessions held, and \$214.31 sent to the Children's Service Fund. She attended the migrant ministry committee meeting in Hammond in May, the Children's Workers Conference in Alexandria in July, and Leadership School in Mt. Sequoyah. After giving a brief introduction to the new church school literature, she stated that she has been certified as a teacher for the course on the new curriculum for Methodist children.

President: Mrs. Dameron expressed appreciation for the prime time period given on the program at the Louisiana Annual Conference for her report on the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, and for Bishop Walton's consistent interest in, and support of, the work of the Woman's Society. She reported that with very few exceptions she had participated in all church boards and agencies of the church on which the president holds membership and had met with the Boards of the Woman's Division institutions, some of which have new directors and staff personnel, as already reported. As a member of the "Our Mission Today" team, Mrs. Dameron assisted in presenting this special emphasis before the Annual Conference. She attended the Conference and Jurisdiction Schools of Missions and taught in the East Missouri School; attended the Conference on Human Relations, as a delegate named by Bishop Walton; attended the meeting in New York to which all conference presidents and treasurers were called by the Woman's Division; and attended the Jurisdiction Executive Council meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, October 21-23, from which she brought a report. She will be a delegate to the forthcoming General Conference and asked for daily prayers that she might have the wisdom and Christ-like spirit to be an effective delegate. Speaking of the scheduled itineration of Miss Maryruth Nickels in the Conference during October, 1964, she stated that planning for the use of her services should begin now.

A ten minute recess was taken, during which coffee was served as a courtesy of the Denham Springs Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Mouton gave a report of the Christian Social Relations Seminar in Tacoma, Washington, in August, 1963, the theme of which was "The New Role of Women in the Methodist Church." Plans were made here for the

next quadrennium. Memorials from this meeting will be made to General Conference. A full report of this meeting appears in the November, 1963, issue of *The Methodist Woman*.

Reports of Committees were called for by the President.

Louisiana Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work. Mrs. Watson, chairman, reported that Dr. Henry A. Rickey has been asked to help form a district advisory committee for the Ruston District, where there is still a need for a Church and Community Worker.

Alexandria District Advisory Committee: Mrs. J. H. McSween, chairman, stated that new members of this committee are Mrs. R. M. Reeves, Home Demonstration Agent for this area, and Mr. J. N. Fomby, Jr., newly elected district lay leader. Mrs. S. E. Richardson is secretary of the Committee. Mrs. Martha Overbey, Church and Community Worker, served as a delegate to the National Methodist Conference on the Church in Town and Country, where she made a report on her work, including the migrant school in the Hammond area. Her expenses were paid as follows: \$50.00 by the Conference Woman's Society, \$40.00 by the Woman's Division, and the remainder by the Conference committee on Town and Country. Reporting on Mrs. Overbey's work, she stated that Mrs. Overbey has attended many meetings and conferences since her last report as well as working continually with most of the departments in the six churches of this area, which are Urania, Trout, Eden, Belah, Tullos and Lewis Chapel.

Committee on Annual Meeting Program: Mrs. Howe, chairman, gave details of the program as planned to date, stating that the theme hymn would be hymn number 380 in *The Methodist Hymnal*. She distributed lists of the local committee chairmen for the Annual Meeting, including their addresses, and requested that the proper chairman be contacted with regard to any needs for the meeting.

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws: A copy of proposed changes in the bylaws was distributed to each person and the proposed revisions were read by Mrs. Thomas, chairman of the committee.

A luncheon was served in the fellowship hall by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Jefferson Methodist Church. The Reverend Stone Caraway, pastor of this church, returned thanks. Mrs. Dameron presented the Reverend Caraway; Mrs. Caraway; Mrs. M. W. Kirkpatrick, president of the Jefferson Church Woman's Society, and the members of this society who were serving as hostesses.

Committee on Annual Report: Mrs. Thomas reported that the **Twenty-third Annual Report** was off the press and in the mail by August 1st, 1963. The report was reduced in size by six pages this year, chiefly because of the incorporation of all district reports in the report of the Conference Secretary of Promotion and the elimination of individual district reports. This brought a saving of \$48.00. The number of copies mailed was 718, postage .04c per copy. Twenty-three copies have been sold at 75c each. Five books were returned because of incorrect addresses. She expressed appreciation for the excellent cooperation received from all who sent in material for the book. All material was in on time, and the five copies of all material simplified the committee's task in proofreading copy.

Committee on Louisiana Conference News: Because Mrs. Tebow, editor, had to leave, Mrs. McSween, chairman of the committee, reported and outlined the plans for the next paper. She urged that change of personnel or of addresses within local and district societies at any time during the year be sent to this committee in order that the paper might be correctly addressed as it goes out to each individual.

Constitution and Bylaws: Recommendations of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws were read by Mrs. Thomas, discussed and adopted as follows:

Article III — Committees (Page 134). Twenty-third Annual Report. Revise **Section 5** to read:

There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of a chairman and four district presidents. The district members shall be rotated by districts as set forth in the Standing Rules of the Conference and shall serve for two years. When vacancies occur among the members of the committee, the successor in office shall fill the unexpired term.

The chairman shall be a person with background and experience in the work of the Woman's Society who has served as a Conference officer and shall have served as a member of the Conference Executive Committee within four years prior to her election. She shall be nominated by the Executive Committee of the Conference Woman's Society and elected at the Annual Meeting. The term of office shall be four years.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to find specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers and secretaries of lines of work, chairmen of committees whose selection is not otherwise provided for, and members of the Committee on Nominations and nominate them. The committee shall present for election an equal number of nominations for each office (one or two). Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

The provision of this bylaw shall be instituted at the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society in 1964.

Mrs. Mouton moved the adoption of this revision of Article III, Section 5. **Motion carried.**

Article IV — Elections (Page 136) Twenty-third Annual Report.

Revise Section 1, paragraphs three and four, to read: (The changes are in bold-face type.)

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a secretary of **Christian social relations**, a secretary of **literature**, a secretary of missionary personnel, a secretary of missionary service, a secretary of **spiritual life**, a secretary of **supply work**, a secretary of student work.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following shall be elected: a vice president, a recording secretary, a **treasurer**, a secretary of **children's work**, a secretary of missionary education, a secretary of promotion, a secretary of **youth work**.

Mrs. Thomas moved the adoption of this revision of Article IV, Section 1, paragraphs 3 and 4. **Motion carried.** (Note: **Rescinded** at Spring Executive Meeting — See Page 39).

Section 3, (Article IV): Change the word "executive" to "administrative," this section then to read:

Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the **administrative** committee upon the nomination of the committee on **nominations**.

On motion of Mrs. Thomas, this change in Section 3 was adopted.

Proposed new Standing Rules were adopted individually as follows:

28. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws shall have the authority to incorporate into the conference and district bylaws any changes made by the Woman's Division.
29. A Conference-wide training school for district officers and secretaries of lines of work shall be held every two years if finances permit.
30. Rotation of district presidents for membership on the Committee on Nominations shall be as follows: Group 1—Lake Charles, New Orleans, Ruston, Shreveport; Group 2—Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe.
31. In 1964 and 1966 elections, those officers involved in the regrouping (Article IV, Section 1), shall be elected for two years with the privilege of reelection for a four year term. (Approved with the provision that it must be in harmony with the Woman's Division bylaws for Conference societies.) (**Rescinded.** See page 39).

Noting that (1) terminology for rural work has been changed, and that (2) some changes were necessary in personnel on the advisory committee, Mrs. Thomas moved that the Executive Committee empower the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to revise the terminology in Article III, Section 11, and to revise the makeup of the Advisory Committee on Town and Country Work to conform with changes recommended by the Louisiana Conference Advisory Committee. **Motion carried.**

With the purpose that two additions be made to Article III, Section 11 (b)—(1) add to the membership of the district advisory committee one or more ministers of the churches served by the church and community worker, (2) to the duties of the committee add "this committee shall prepare for, plan with and guide the worker"—**On motion of Mrs. McSween, Article III, Section 11(b) was amended to read as follows:**

There shall be set up in each district where there is a church and community worker a District Advisory Committee, composed of the members of the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the district, **one or more ministers of the church served by the worker**, and any additional members which the Conference Advisory Committee may wish to add. This committee shall **prepare for, plan with, and guide the worker** and shall recommend annually to the executive committee of the conference the advisability of continuing each worker of the district.

The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws was asked to revise the district pattern of election of officers to correspond to that of the Conference revision.

Mrs. Dameron and Mrs. Gallaher reported on the meeting to which they had been called to initiate plans for the 25th anniversary observance of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. The report included the goals which had been adopted for the 2½ year period, climaxing with the Assembly in 1966. These goals for each conference are: 25% increase in finances, 25% increase in membership, 1 regular and 1 special missionary for overseas service, and 1 regular and 1 special term worker for the home field.

During a short recess, coffee was served by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Magnolia Methodist Church in Greenwell Springs.

Mrs. Dameron stated that the 25th anniversary observance is to be launched by the Woman's Division on Sunday, January 19th, and that it is requested that every Society and Guild observe it cooperatively on the same day. Following discussion on how this should be done, it was decided that the President should write to the Bishop advising him of plans for the launching date and enlist his support in this endeavor; also, that in November the president should write letters to local societies setting forth these plans.

Committee on Finance: Mrs. Spencer read the following recommendations of the Committee on Finance and moved their adoption. They were voted on individually and all were adopted.

1. That the 1964-65 Pledge to Missions be -----	\$138,610.00
That the 1964-65 Conference Budget be -----	13,020.00
Total -----	\$151,630.00
2. That the District Pledges to Conference be:	
Alexandria -----	12,828.00
Baton Rouge -----	23,555.00
Lafayette -----	12,153.00
Lake Charles -----	18,017.00
Monroe -----	17,880.00
New Orleans -----	19,601.00
Ruston -----	15,543.00
Shreveport -----	32,053.00
Total -----	\$151,630.00

3. That the Conference Budget for 1964-65 be:

Officers' Expense -----	1,400.00
Annual Meeting -----	1,500.00
Annual Report -----	1,400.00
Mid-year Executive Meeting -----	250.00
Jurisdiction Meeting -----	750.00
Conference School of Missions -----	1,300.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions -----	650.00
Christian Social Relations -----	300.00
Christian Vocations -----	200.00
Conference Youth Director -----	600.00
Cooperative Meetings -----	450.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation -----	850.00
Division Cultivation -----	80.00
Miscellaneous -----	565.00
Newspaper -----	625.00
Tour -----	300.00
Guild -----	1,800.00
Total -----	\$ 13,020.00

4. That the Conference Society request permission from the Woman's Division to make supplementary gift of \$3,300.00 toward the 1964-65 salary of Mrs. Martha Overbey.

5. That the \$220.00 held as surplus in the Conference Missionary Educational Seminar Fund be used, if necessary, to supplement the gift for payment of the 1964-65 salary of Mrs. Martha Overbey.

6. That \$1,020.00 which was used for travel and supply expense for Mrs. Martha Overbey in the 1962-63 conference year and which was paid from the conference cultivation fund be refunded to cultivation from the special supply fund and be applied, if necessary, on the supplementary gift for the 1964-65 salary of Mrs. Martha Overbey.

7. That \$150.00 from the miscellaneous fund be used to finance an Orientation Day for Conference Officers in the spring of 1964.

8. That a Love Gift of \$25.00 be given the Rev. Barry Bailey in appreciation for his inspirational leadership during the Spiritual Life Retreat of the Conference Executive Committee.

9. That, in case we have workers invited to the Annual Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, two thirds of their expenses will be provided by this Conference Society.

10. That the \$390.00 refund of the 1963 missions tour be made available for the 1964 Tour, should one be held.

11. That an amount up to \$50.00 be allowed for use in the Districts, if needed, to supply the Special Banks for local societies.

Mrs. Dameron requested that a date in May be set aside for orientation of newly elected conference officers. After discussion, Mrs. Patterson moved that we have Conference officer orientation in Alexandria on Wednesday, May 13th, if possible—otherwise, on a date set at the discretion of the president. **Motion carried.**

Committee on Cooperative Youth Work: As reported by Mrs. Giessen, this committee emphasized the need for more missionary emphases to permeate all activities involving the youth of our conference, more overall planning, and more coordination between the Area Council and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. She stated that if missions could be made to come alive to youth, increased giving and recruitment would be no problem.

Historian: Mrs. George Sexton outlined her plans for the writing of the history of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service and suggested that this history be incorporated in the 25th anniversary

Annual Report. She requested other suggestions. The members of the Committee on History who will serve with her are Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Mrs. E. E. Stewart, and Mrs. T. Haller Jackson.

Committee on Mid-Year and Annual Meeting Place: After noting that the 1964 Annual Meeting would be held in Lafayette, Mrs. Mouton stated that the Broadmoor Methodist Church in Shreveport has issued an invitation to the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society for the 1965 Annual Meeting on the dates of March 10-15. Appreciation for this invitation from Broadmoor was expressed.

Mrs. Aycock extended an invitation from Trinity Methodist Church in Ruston for the 1964 Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting, which was accepted with thanks.

Committee on Tours: Mrs. McCammon reported that a successful tour, in which 21 young people participated, was conducted from July 1-12, 1963 by Miss Louise Sharp. Many expressions of appreciation have come from those who participated.

Mrs. McCammon moved the adoption of the following recommendation: The tour committee recommends that a third tour be conducted in the summer of 1964 under capable leadership and over a different route. **Motion carried.**

Dinner was served by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Ingleside Methodist Church. The blessing was asked by the Reverend Harvey Williamson, pastor of Ingleside Church. Mrs. Dameron later presented Reverend Williamson; Mrs. Williamson; Mrs. S. J. Routh, new president of Ingleside Woman's Society; and the hostesses for the evening.

Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service: Reporting for this committee, Mrs. Giessen presented three recommendations as follows:

1. That a Children's Work clinic be set up at the 1964 Louisiana Conference School of Missions in view of the fact that special training is needed to introduce the new curriculum material, "Christian Studies for Methodist Children."
2. That, due to the change in the 1964 program of the School of Missions and to the limited classroom and dormitory facilities at Centenary College, the youth section at the 1964 School of Missions and Christian Service be eliminated.
3. That the treasurer of the Louisiana Conference School of Missions bank daily cash receipts from sales in the literature room at the School of Missions with the School of Missions and Christian Service account and pay the Literature Headquarters in one check.

Mrs. Giessen moved the adoption of these recommendations. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Patterson stated that records show that 26 more societies were represented at the 1963 Annual Meeting than in the preceding year. She spoke of the book of charters and discussion ensued.

Mrs. Dameron reminded the district presidents that they were to write a letter to local presidents preceding the Annual Meeting, their letters to follow one from the Conference president.

The resignation of Mrs. McSween as chairman of the Louisiana Conference News was announced by the President. Mrs. Charles McGowan was appointed to serve in her place.

A Louisiana Conference calendar which lists dates planned for church meetings throughout the year has been issued by the Area Council and may be obtained from the Area Director. This was announced by Mrs. Dameron.

From the **Commission on Christian Vocations**, Mrs. McCammon brought the information that a new publication, "You and Your Life," available from the Methodist Publishing House, offers real possibility as a book of guidance

for counseling and in assisting young people in the understanding of vocation and the selection of a life work.

Mrs. Mouton gave a review of the work of the Louisiana Organization for State Legislation.

The Recording Secretary stated that requests for a copy of the minutes of each Executive Committee meeting had come to her. After discussion of this matter, it was moved by Mrs. Patterson that the minutes of the Executive Committee be sent only to the members of this committee. **Motion carried.** (It should be noted here that the complete minutes for all meetings of the year are included in the Annual Report each year, a copy of which is mailed to more than 700 people.) Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Patterson volunteered to send information concerning the Executive Committee Meeting to the Louisiana Methodist and to Methodist Information.

In response to a request from Dakota Wesleyan University for a current Annual Report and for a complete file of Annual Reports of the Louisiana Conference, the Recording Secretary was instructed to send a current Annual Report, advising that a complete file was not available.

Mrs. T. Luster James reported on the annual meeting of the Council of United Church Women.

Mrs. Watson requested recommendations for nominations to Jurisdiction office.

Committee on Nominations: Mrs. McGowan stated that nominations for some offices had been accepted, but the list was incomplete at this time.

Tentative dates, November 3, 4, 5, 1964, were set for the 1964 Mid-Year Meeting (with a possible second choice of October 27, 28, 29). These dates were set in order that Miss Maryruth Nickels might attend the Executive Committee meeting on the final day of her itineration in the Louisiana Conference. (The proposed dates of her itineration are October 4 to November 3, 1964.)

Items of special interest in the reports on the institutions of the Woman's Division within the conference were as follows:

Business Girls' Inn: Mrs. Jackson reported that Mrs. Ruth Dixon Maddy is the new director of Business Girls' Inn, replacing Miss Hazel Cooper, who is now at work in Columbus, Ohio. A new name is being sought for the Inn because the predominance of girls staying at the Inn are no longer business girls, but students.

Dulac Community Center: Mrs. McGowan stated that the new director, Reverend Jerry Moon, is anxious to have people become acquainted with the program of work at Dulac. There is a need for good used bicycles, tricycles or toys that could be used in the gymnasium there.

MacDonell Methodist Center: Mrs. Howe reported that an evaluation of the program at MacDonell is in process to decide whether it is meeting a need sufficient to warrant the increase in funds that would be necessary to carry on the program efficiently. Competent casework help is badly needed to adequately care for the needs. Mrs. Helen Gage Harris, formerly with MacDonell, is now at Epworth Village as director of Christian Education.

Peoples' Community Center: Mrs. Orr reported a capacity enrollment at the Center.

St. Mark's Community Center: Mrs. Cahal stated that the program for senior citizens is progressing well with great interest being shown. Help is needed in the swimming pool project.

Sager-Brown School: See Mrs. Laskey's report earlier in the meeting, page 25.

Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. McCammon read the following resolutions, which were adopted:

We, the members of the Louisiana Conference Executive Committee, express our deep appreciation for the gracious hospitality extended to us by the women of Baton Rouge during our session at Broadmoor Church, November 5 - 8, 1963.

We are especially grateful to Mrs. Wade Stonecipher, President of Broadmoor W.S.C.S., Mrs. Julian Darden, Chairman of Arrangements, and members of their society who have made such loving preparations for our coming and have so generously opened their homes, provided transportation, and served lovely meals. Mrs. John Wooldridge has also been most helpful in assisting in preparation of materials.

The coffee breaks provided by the societies of Winbourne Methodist Church, Mrs. O. L. Kelsey, President; North Baton Rouge Methodist Church, Mrs. J. R. Heimbaugh, President; Live Oak Methodist Church, Mrs. Edwin Miller, President; Denham Springs Methodist Church, Mrs. Melvin Rouse, President, and Magnolia Methodist Church, Mrs. Al Teed, President, were delightful.

Delectable meals were served by the societies of Broadmoor Methodist Church, Mrs. Stonecipher, President; Officers of the Baton Rouge District Woman's Society, Mrs. T. Luster James, President; Istrouma Methodist Church, Mrs. D. R. Batchelder, President; Jefferson Methodist Church, Mrs. M. W. Kirkpatrick, President; and Ingleside Methodist Church, Mrs. Stanley Routh, President. University Methodist Church supplied additional dishes for our meeting. We are most appreciative of the thoughtfulness and effort in providing these courtesies.

The inspirational Day Apart, led by Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, refreshed our spirits and prepared us for this time together. The messages of the Rev. Barry Bailey were thought-provoking and challenging. The quiet music provided by the organist, Mrs. R. K. Matthews, and the beauty of the new sanctuary added to the day.

We are indebted to those who took time from their busy schedule to join us in our meals. These were the District Superintendent of the Baton Rouge District, the Rev. Bentley Sloane; Mrs. Sloane; the Associate Director of the Area Council, Mr. Tom Pitt; Mrs. Thomas W. Wilson of Methodist Information; the Baton Rouge ministers and their wives: Rev. and Mrs. Barry Bailey, Rev. and Mrs. Ira Flowers, Rev. and Mrs. Stone Caraway, Rev. and Mrs. Harvey Williamson; and presidents of the local societies.

Our gratitude is extended also to our beloved president, Mrs. G. G. Dameron, who conducted this mid-year meeting with such efficient leadership and devotion.

Above all, we are grateful to the Eternal Lord who has given us the beauty of these fall days, our health and strength, and the joy that fills our hearts in serving Him, and we pray His continued blessing.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon
Mrs. Max L. Clayton

Mrs. Dameron closed the meeting with the thought that we have had ideals set forth for us that would point toward progress in this Woman's Society of Christian Service. We can be guided by them to an ultimate purpose as we work together. Following a prayer by the President, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.
Mrs. L. C. Aycock

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President
Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas,
Recording Secretary

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Lafayette, Louisiana — March 10, 1964

The Spring meeting of the Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 11:15 a.m., March 10, 1964, in the Home-Builders' Room of the First Methodist Church, Lafayette, with the president, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, presiding. Mrs. Dameron opened the meeting with words of thanksgiving for those who serve, a challenge to greater service, and a prayer. She read from Ephesians the scripture verses which were considered by the long range planning committee of the Woman's Division in rewriting the purpose of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, which is to be proposed to General Conference in April 1964. She suggested that when this purpose is approved, we can benefit by interpreting it through its biblical background.

The roll was called by the Recording Secretary. Those present were: Mesdames G. W. Dameron, M. R. Tatum, Geo. H. Thomas, Carl Gallaher, S. B. Dampier, J. B. Mouton, Sr., Warren Orr, C. R. McCammon, Glen R. Nordyke, Sr., B. F. Patterson, Jr., John L. Howe, Jr., C. B. McGowan, Chas. H. Giessen, Glenn E. Laskey, Lee Tidwell, George Sexton, J. H. McSween, S. E. Richardson, J. E. McCampbell, A. R. Scheffer, T. Luster James, W. W. Hyde, Robt. S. Reich, M. Eloi Girard, Shirley Ellender, A. J. McGrede, S. A. Seegers, E. E. James, R. R. Cahal, Max L. Clayton, L. C. Aycock, J. T. Spencer, Cecil Read, W. D. Snelling, J. R. Kavanaugh, W. B. Gardner.

It was reported that Mrs. Wideman Watson was absent because of the death of a close friend and that Mrs. T. Haller Jackson could not be present because of serious illness in her family. The Secretary read letters from Mrs. Jackson and Miss Arline Tyler expressing their regret at being absent. Mrs. Laskey moved that cards be sent to those who were absent. **Motion carried.** Mrs. Orr was appointed to do this service.

On motions carried it was directed also that (1) a message be sent to Miss Sophie Kuntz, retired Louisiana Deaconess, who was to undergo serious surgery; (2) a memorial gift be sent to the Woman's Division in memory of the brother of Miss Emma Burris, Deaconess from Louisiana; (3) a telegram be sent to the Texas Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service currently in session.

Correspondence was read by the Secretary. A telegram was read from Mrs. James C. Whitaker, a former Conference officer now residing in New Jersey.

Minutes of the Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting, which had been circulated, were accepted with corrections which are to be incorporated in the published minutes.

Ad interim actions of the Administrative Committee were read and approved as follows: The Administrative Committee, polled by mail, voted (1) to recommend to the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service that special memberships be given Misses Phoebe Reynolds, Barbara Boultinghouse and Shirley Manning, teachers at Sager-Brown School, who were commissioned Deaconesses in November, 1963 and January, 1964; (2) to recommend that the Conference Society give to Bishop and Mrs. Walton honorary memberships, and that the presentation be made at the Annual Meeting in Lafayette, March 11-13, 1964.

The President appointed the following committees: **Journal**, Mesdames McCammon, Nordyke; **Resolutions**, Mesdames Mouton, Dampier, Aycock.

At 12:00 noon the meeting was recessed for a luncheon at Oakbourne Country Club, at which Mrs. J. J. Davidson and Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas were hostesses. Visitors at the luncheon were host ministers, their wives, and presidents of local societies.

The afternoon meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. J. J. Davidson on Girard Park Drive.

Mrs. Laskey brought a report from the Woman's Division. At a meeting of the Board of Missions in January, the report of the Structure Committee (of which she is a member) was accepted by a vote of 87-7 and will go to General Conference for approval. She spoke of some of the proposed changes in the Board of Missions and of their meaning for us. The Woman's Division is considering plans for removal of Children's and Youth Work from the Woman's Society, this work to be done through the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education. Student Work, Missionary Personnel, and Missionary Service are also under study, with possible changes to be recommended to the General Conference. On the basis of these considered changes, Mrs. Laskey suggested that the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society delay its proposed action on revising the sequence of the election of officers until after General Conference. Looking toward the next twenty-five years she urged that we face the future with courage and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell spoke with appreciation of the work of Mrs. Laskey in its many phases. She brought a report on the South Central Jurisdiction meeting in Wichita, Kansas, the theme of which was "In Faith We Serve." Of the twelve nominees for the Board of Missions elected at this meeting, six will be elected at the Jurisdictional Conference in June, Mrs. Laskey being one of the nominees. Three young women were commissioned for service at this meeting, two from this Jurisdiction. The Jurisdiction pledge was increased. After giving highlights of an address by Bishop Eugene Slater, she quoted his challenge, "Let us go in faith to serve."

The President called for reports of officers and secretaries.

Vice-President: Mrs. Tatum reported that workshops will take the place of district seminars in the fall of 1964. The person responsible for these workshops will be the vice-president rather than the secretary of missionary education.

Treasurer: Mrs. Gallaher reported for the first three quarters as follows:

Cash balance, Whitney National Bank		
and Loan Associations -----	15,023.46	
Receipts -----	121,014.59	
Total to account for -----		136,038.05
Disbursements -----	116,120.05	
Cash in Whitney National Bank		
and in Loan Associations 2/20/64 ---	19,918.00	
Total accounted for -----		136,038.05

Secretary of Children' Work: Mrs. Dampier distributed new folders on missionary education for children.

Secretary of Christian Social Relations: Mrs. Mouton reported a recommendation from the Womans Division that the Division hold a workshop on Christian Social Relations within the Conference, expenses of personnel to be paid chiefly by the Division. Entertainment would be the responsibility of the Conference. Such a workshop would have to be requested. February, 1965, was suggested as a possible time. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Mouton moved that the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service request the Woman's Division to hold in Louisiana one of the proposed Pilot Workshops for training district Christian Social Relations leaders with special emphasis on "Ways of meeting controversy." Mrs. Thomas moved that the motion be amended by adding "and that the Conference share of the expenses be taken from the Christian Social Relations fund in the budget." The amendment was adopted, and the motion was adopted as amended. Mrs. Mouton was appointed to carry through this request to the Woman's Division.

Secretary of Literature: Mrs. Orr presented posters to be used in the Literature Room at the Annual Meeting. She brought information about some changes that have and are being made in literature and literature

headquarters: (1) **The Methodist Woman** and **The World Outlook** will be planned more cooperatively in the future, to implement each other. (2) Literature Headquarters has changed its name to **Service Center**. Its services will be enlarged to include literature and visual aids formerly ordered from New York. (3) There will be only four handbooks: **Woman's Society of Christian Service**; **Wesleyan Service Guild**; **Program Education in Christian Mission**; **Finance**. The different lines of work will be covered in at least two of these handbooks. (4) Report blanks will be included as a supplement in two issues of **The Methodist Woman**. (5) Reporting will be moved up five days from the present dates.

Secretary of Missionary Personnel: Mrs. McCammon announced a mission tour for youth to begin on July 21st, 1964, with Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham as directors.

Secretary of Missionary Service: Mrs. Nordyke had no report.

Secretary of Student Work: Mrs. Howe reported a noticeable increase in the number of churches that took an offering for the student fund on Student Recognition Day. She stated that a study of work with students is being made.

Secretary of Missionary Education: In the absence of Mrs. Watson, her report was read by the Secretary. She stated that the delegates' packets contained a complete listing of the courses, textbooks and other information concerning the Louisiana Conference School of Missions and Christian Service. A flier with texts, guides, supplementary material, names of teachers and registration card are to be mailed to each society and guild unit in the conference about June 1, 1964. The dates for Jurisdiction School of Missions are June 22-26, 1964.

Secretary of Promotion: Mrs. Patterson stated that she received only 142 reports on the membership emphasis in the **Woman's Society** and the **Guild**. A part of the Thursday luncheon program during the Annual Meeting centers around these reports. Many churches reported that the study of the Primer on the work of the **Woman's Society** was helpful. Requests for the Primer have come from other states.

Secretary of Supply Work: Mrs. McGowan reported an uncertainty as to whether or not the Supply Askings would be met for the year.

Secretary of Youth Work: Mrs. Giessen brought the two following recommendations which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

1. Due to the fact that the **Woman's Society of Christian Service** is interested in our youth and due to the fact that travel will be a considerable item, I recommend that each of the youth attending the National Convocation of Methodist Youth to be held July 27-31 at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, be allowed \$5.00 to apply toward travel upon request to the Conference Secretary of Youth Work. The quota of youth for the Louisiana Conference has been set at forty-four youths.

2. Upon the suggestion of the Jurisdiction Secretary of Youth Work and in light of the adjustments now being made in the structural patterns of missionary education of children and youth, I recommend that the Conference Secretary of Youth Work attend the Regional Stewardship Seminar, September 14-15, 1964, in Dallas, Texas, expenses to be provided by the Conference **Woman's Society of Christian Service**.

Mrs. Mouton announced that a School of Moral Concerns for Adults is being planned to precede the Youth School of Moral Concerns this year, tentatively set for July. She stated that parents are urged to participate in this school.

Mrs. Howe reported that Miss Ella Hooper is in better health and plans have been made to work with a tape recorder to get, in her words, the history of MacDonell Methodist Center.

During a short recess, tea was served by the hostess, Mrs. Davidson, in the dining room of her home.

Mrs. Dameron announced that because November 3rd is election day, the dates for the Mid-Year meeting will be November 4, 5, 6, 1964. She then called for committee reports.

Committee on Annual Meeting Program: Mrs. Howe gave a resume' of the Annual Meeting Program and expressed her special thanks for the co-operation of the local group in plans that have been carried out.

Mrs. Dameron distributed material relative to the twenty-fifth anniversary observance.

Following a statement by Mrs. Dameron that the date of May 13th previously set for Conference officer orientation in Alexandria would not be satisfactory, Mrs. Gallaher moved that this meeting be postponed until School of Missions. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dameron reported that the Woman's Division has approved two ways to aid the State Councils of United Church Women financially: (1) The Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service may bear the necessary expense incurred by any of its officers in fulfilling official responsibilities in the State Council of United Church Women. (2) Local societies in communities where there is no organized Council of United Church Women may send a gift of money to the state treasurer of U.C.W.

The meeting was recessed at 5:30 p.m.

For dinner, the members of the Committee were guests of Mrs. J. P. Owen, Sr. and Mrs. C. Thad Montgomery in the spacious home of Mrs. Owen on Bayou Parkway, where they remained for the evening meeting. Other guests were the Methodist ministers of Lafayette, their wives, and Mr. Glenn Laskey. The Reverend Robert McCammon returned thanks.

At 7:15 p.m. the meeting was resumed.

Committee on Nominations: Mrs. McGowan reported that a slate of nominees was prepared.

Mrs. Dameron noted that three delegates and four reserve delegates to the Jurisdiction Society would be elected at the Annual Meeting after being nominated from the floor.

An audiovisual communication seminar to be held July 13-24, 1964, at Mt. Sequoyah was announced by Mrs. Dameron with the request that the name of anyone interested be turned in to her.

Committee on Constitution and Bylaws: In accordance with action taken at the Mid-year meeting to revise Article III, Section 11(a), on motion of Mrs. Thomas the following amendment to Article III was adopted:

Article III, Section 11(a). Amend as follows: Following the word "committee" in line 1, insert the words "for Town and Country Work, whose chairman shall be chosen by the Executive Committee." Delete (line 3) the words "Rural Works Projects" and substitute "Church and Community Workers." Delete (lines 5 and 6) "the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education" and substitute "one of the three Area Council Directors." Substitute (in the last sentence) the words "Church and Community Worker" for "rural deaconess." Delete the last five words in the paragraph, "who shall direct her work." Article III, Section 11(a) will then read as follows:

An Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work, whose chairman shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work in the conference where there are one or more church and community workers. It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of missionary education, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, one of the three

area council directors, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the district superintendents of the districts in which church and community workers are located, and one or more members at large. The executive secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. Other persons may be added who will be helpful to the committee in line with the recommendations from the Handbook for Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work. While the committee may make recommendations, the actual decision as to the area in which the church and community worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The church and community worker shall report quarterly to the Committee on Town and Country Work.

The amendments adopted at mid-year meeting which involved a change of time in election of designated officers were discussed in the light of the information brought by Mrs. Laskey relative to changes being proposed to General Conference which, if accepted, will require a change in bylaws.

Mrs. Laskey moved that action taken at mid-year meeting concerning elections in Article IV, Section 1 of the Conference bylaws be rescinded. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. McSween moved that the proposed new standing rule No. 31 be deleted. **Motion carried.**

Following discussion of the proposed amendment to Section 3, Article IV as adopted at mid-year meeting, Mrs. Thomas moved that the proposed amendment to Section 3, Article IV, be amended by the words, "and ratified by the executive committee, pending permissive legislation by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division." **Motion carried.**

The President made appointments as follows: **Distributing tellers:** Mesdames Curtis Carlin, Jack Golson, Ira Woodfin, Carl Lueg, C. C. Barnes, George Grafton, Ethel Yancey, D'Maris Beck, with Mesdames Cornelia Staples and F. M. Terral as alternates. **Counting Tellers:** Mesdames J. W. Boyd, J. T. Eubank, A. S. Hurley, T. P. Dutsch, Hale Shadow, Bryan Yates, Robert Compton, J. W. Worthington, J. E. McCampbell, with Mesdames Howard Elder and H. D. Burkhalter as alternates.

Exploration Group leaders were named for the Annual Meeting Program: Mesdames J. M. Wilkes, John McIntosh, Donald Wineinger, T. F. Wilbanks, W. A. Ragan, Harold Hine, Cecil Read, R. J. McGehee, Max Clayton, W. B. Gardner, L. G. Thomas, V. W. Cothren, Garland Dean, G. A. Blankenbaker, A. B. Owen, A. R. Scheffer, Jack Dolan, Leon Gray. Rehearsal times and Committee meetings were set for Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Wideman Watson was elected by acclamation as the nominee for the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

Mrs. Carl Gallaher was elected delegate to the annual meeting of the United Council of Church Women in New Orleans on April 1 and 2.

District Advisory Committee on Town and Country Work. Mrs. McSween brought a recommendation from this committee that Mrs. Overbey be returned for another year to Alexandria District and moved its adoption. **Motion carried.** She stated that Mrs. Overbey was invited to and attended, the South Central Jurisdiction meeting in Wichita, Kansas, in February.

Mrs. McSween read a letter from Mrs. Mabel Manning which accompanied Mrs. Manning's gift of a copy of the first Annual Report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to be bound into a volume with three succeeding copies for the use of the President of the Society. It was directed that a letter of appreciation for this gift be written to Mrs. Manning.

Louisiana Conference News: Mrs. McGowan gave information as to the content of the next issue of the paper, and stated that the deadline for articles to be included would be April 15, 1964. Mrs. McSween reported that the January issue of the Louisiana Conference News was mailed January 20th, 1964, with 3832 papers in the bulk mailing, 4 to our missionaries in the Foreign field, 4 each to the Louisiana Methodist and Methodist Information. Several packets were mailed to Conference officers who had requested them.

Mrs. Gallaher brought a report from Miss Fae Daves with recommendations concerning the work at St. Mark's. Replacements are needed for four staff members who are leaving, including Miss Wilma Snare, deaconess. Miss Daves will retire in 1965.

The President appointed Mrs. Patterson to serve as assistant secretary for the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was recessed for thirty minutes, during which time individual committee meetings were held.

Committee on Finance: Mrs. Hyde brought the following recommendations from the Committee on Finance and moved their adoption. **Motion carried.**

1. That recommendation number 13 (as listed in the recommendations of the Committee on Finance in the delegates' packets) which states "that the Conference president, treasurer, and secretary of promotion be allowed to make adjustment if necessary within the total Conference cultivation budget" be deleted.

2. That according to standing rule number 16 of the Conference an amount of \$300.00 from the 1963-64 surplus fund of the conference cultivation fund be transferred to the recruitment fund.

3. That an honorarium of \$50.00 be given to Mrs. Glenn Laskey and a love gift of \$50.00 each be given to Dr. Vela Cleveland and Miss Louise Killingsworth.

4. That the Secretary of Youth Work attend the Regional Stewardship Seminar to be held in Dallas in September, 1964, and that expense be paid by the Conference.

5. That each of the youth attending the National Convocation of Methodist Youth to be held July 27-31, 1964, at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, be allowed \$5.00 to apply on travel, Louisiana quota being 44 youths.

The President requested that Mrs. George Sexton serve as Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting.

The need and approximate cost of liability insurance for the Annual Meeting was discussed. Mrs. Howe moved that we obtain liability insurance to cover the Annual Meeting, the type of insurance to be obtained at the discretion of and by the president, recording secretary and treasurer.

The meeting was concluded with prayer by Mrs. T. L. James, to reconvene following the Annual Meeting.

Approved: Committee on Journal
Mrs. C. R. McCammon
Mrs. Glen Nurdyke, Sr.

Mrs. George H. Thomas
Recording Secretary
Mrs. G. W. Dameron
President

Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting

PROGRAM

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

THEME: "God's Work In Our Time"

Wednesday, March 11, 1964

AFTERNOON SESSION

"Bless her works in Thee begun"

- 1:45 Organ Prelude—"Our Father In the Heaven Who Art" ----- Bach
Theme Hymn—"Jesus With Thy Church Abide" ----- No. 380
- 2:00 Convening of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting -----
----- Mrs. G. W. Dameron
- Holy Communion
Welcome ----- Mrs. M. T. Holloway, President,
----- Woman's Society, First Methodist Church
- Introduction of Local Committee Chairmen -----
----- Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr.
- 3:00 Order of Business:
Presentation of the Program ----- Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr.
Report of the Recording Secretary ----- Mrs. George H. Thomas
Recommendations from the Executive Committee
Appointment of Committees
Report of the Committee on
Constitution and Bylaws ----- Mrs. George H. Thomas
Announcements
- 3:45 Hymn—"O Jesus Master" ----- No. 470
Interviewing Our New Workers ----- Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke, Sr.
Business Girls' Inn ----- Mrs. Ruth Dixon Maddy
Dulac Community Center ---- The Reverend and Mrs. Jerry Moon
- 4:00 President's Message ----- Mrs. G. W. Dameron
----- "For This Cause"
- Closing Prayer ----- The Reverend Jerry Moon
- 6:00 Anniversary Dinner ----- Banquet Room, Municipal Auditorium,
----- Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Presiding

EVENING SESSION

- 7:45 Organ Prelude—"Now Let All Loudly Sing Praise to God" --- Wilan
Hymn—"O Zion Haste" ----- No. 475
Scripture and Prayer ----- The Reverend R. R. Branton
Offertory—"Jesu, Priceless Treasure" ----- Bach
Anthem—"Go not Far From Me, O God" ----- Zingarelli
----- Combined Choirs of Asbury, Davidson Memorial,
----- and First Methodist Churches
----- Miss Harriet Magruder, Director
- Address—"Summons For a New Day" ----- Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
Closing Prayer ----- Miss Wilma Snare

Thursday, March 12

- 7:30 Coffee Corner, Courtesy of the Woman's Society of Opelousas
Methodist Church

MORNING SESSION

"May her lamp of truth be bright"

- 8:45 Organ Prelude—"Psalm 19" ----- Marcello
Theme Hymn—"Jesus With Thy Church Abide" ----- No. 380
Scripture and Prayer ----- Mrs. M. Eloi Girard
Report of the Committee on Nominations ---- Mrs. C. B. McGowan

- 9:15 Balloting
 Treasurer's Report ----- Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher
 Adoption of Recommendations on Finance
- 10:15 Reports from Town and City Work
 Church and Community Work ----- Mrs. Martha Overbey
 St. Mark's Community Center ----- Miss Fae Daves
 People's Methodist Community Center ----- Mrs. Pearl Turnbull
 Hymn—"God the Omnipotent" ----- No. 505
- 10:45 Address ----- Miss Louise Killingsworth
 "Our Task in Malaya and in Louisiana"
- 11:45 Courtesies ----- Mrs. C. B. McGowan
- 12:00 Solo—"Gloria" ----- Buzza-Pizzia
 Miss Harriet Magruder
 Meditation ----- Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
 "The World Mission of the Methodist Church"
 Closing Prayer
- 12:45 Membership Luncheon ----- Banquet Room,
 Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Presiding

AFTERNOON SESSION

"Bid her bear aloft its light"

- 2:00 Organ Prelude—"He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him" ----- Bach
 Hymn—"Walk In the Light" ----- No. 378
 Prayer ----- Miss Patricia Gibson
 Address ----- Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
 "New Dimensions in Membership"
- 3:00 District Reports ----- Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.
 and the District Presidents
 Message from India ----- Dr. Vela Cleveland
 Reports from Wesley Foundations
 Northwestern State College ----- The Reverend Robert Tatum
 Louisiana Polytechnic Institute ----- The Reverend William Stokes
 Chorales—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ----- Luther-Bach
 "Jesu, Priceless Treasure" ----- Cruger-Bach
 The Wesley Singers from Wesley Foundation,
 University of Southwestern Louisiana
 Mrs. Robert S. Barefield, Director
 Closing Prayer ----- The Reverend Robert S. Barefield,
 Director, Wesley Foundation,
 University of Southwestern Louisiana
- 6:00 Dinner—"To Serve the Present Age" ----- Banquet Room,
 Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Presiding
 Panelists:
 The Misses Jeanette Marks, Judith Doyle, Barbara Boultinghouse,
 Shirley Manning, Phoebe Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Lipscomb,
 and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick

EVENING SESSION

- 8:00 Drama ----- "God's Work in Our Time"
 The Wesley Players from Wesley Foundation
 University of Southwestern Louisiana
 The Reverend Ronald DeVillier, Director
 Pledge Service ----- "For God So Loved the World"
 Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher
 and the District Treasurers
 Closing Prayer

Friday, March 13

- 7:30 Coffee Corner, Courtesy of the Woman's Society of Rayne Methodist
 Church

MORNING SESSION
"May her voice be ever clear"

8:45	Organ Prelude—"O Blessed Jesu" -----	Brahms
	Hymn—"Behold Us Lord" -----	No. 459
	Opening Worship -----	Dr. Vela Cleveland
	Order of Business:	
	Recommendations	
	Report of Committees	
	Report of Registration	
	Place of Meeting - 1965	
	Resolutions	
9:30	Exploration Groups -----	Conference Officers
		Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Presiding
	Hymn—"We Thank Thee Lord" -----	No. 458
10:15	Reports from Children's Homes and School	
	Sager-Brown School -----	Miss Rosie Ann Cobb
	MacDonell Methodist Children's Home -----	Mr. John L. Howe, Jr.
10:30	Guild Hymn	
	Wesleyan Service Guild Report -----	Miss Arline Tyler
	"To Serve Right Gloriously" -----	A Service of Recognition and the Installation of Officers, Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Presiding
	Solo—"The Greatest of These Is Love" -----	Bitgood
		Mrs. Frank W. Harrison, Jr.
	Meditation -----	Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
		"The Christian Witness of Methodism in Africa"
	Closing Prayer	
12:45	Buffet Luncheon, Banquet Hall, Courtesy of the Woman's Society of Asbury Methodist Church, Lafayette	

JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
Louisiana Conference

Lafayette, Louisiana — March 11, 12, 13, 1964

The twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service was convened at 2:00 p.m., March 11, 1964, in the Lafayette Municipal Auditorium, Lafayette, Louisiana, with the President, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, presiding. Through its stage setting, the atmosphere of the auditorium had been transformed into that of a church, with the dignity, beauty and worshipful atmosphere of a church sanctuary.

Following an organ prelude, "Our Father Who in Heaven Thou Art," by the organist, Mr. Trotter, the meeting began with the singing of the theme hymn, "Jesus With Thy Church Abide."

The President formally convened the meeting, after which she presented the Reverend A. Jerome Cain, Lafayette District Superintendent, who presided over the service of Holy Communion. He was assisted in this service by: Reverend Harold Hine, Reverend C. R. McCammon, Reverend Robert Barefield, Reverend Ronald DeVillier, Reverend Calvin Lapuyade, Reverend J. B. McCann, Reverend Tracy Arnold, Reverend John Sewell, Reverend J. C. Wallace, Reverend E. Lee McKay, Reverend W. D. Boddie, Reverend Cecil Mims, Reverend Charles Giessen. Quiet organ music was heard throughout the service.

Mrs. M. T. Holloway, President of the Woman's Society of Lafayette First Methodist Church and Co-Chairman of the Annual Meeting, extended a hearty welcome in behalf of all societies in Lafayette and in Lafayette District.

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr., General Chairman for the Annual Meeting, added words of welcome and, in clever rhyme, presented the chairman of each committee. Mrs. Dameron expressed the appreciation of the entire body for the work of these chairmen and their committees.

Mrs. John Howe, Program Chairman, gave a brief resume of the program and its emphases, asking that the delegates hold the meeting in their prayers. She called attention to the packets and urged that the delegates read and be versed in the material which they contained, especially the officers' recommendations which would be voted on later in the meeting.

Telegrams were read by the Secretary from Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Conference Secretary of Spiritual Life, and Mrs. Horace Herrin.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. George Thomas, reported the following actions of the Executive Committee: (1) It was voted that the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society request the Woman's Division to hold in Louisiana one of the proposed pilot workshops for training district Christian Social Relations leaders, with special emphasis on "ways of meeting controversy." (2) Mrs. Wideman Watson was nominated as Chairman of the Conference Committee on Nominations. (3) It was voted to purchase liability insurance for the Annual Meeting to cover any case of accidental bodily injury on the premises during the meeting. (4) One hundred dollars was given from the Conference Cultivation funds, as a gift, for inclusion in the tribute to Mrs. J. Fount Tillman to complete and furnish the chapel in the Church Center for the United Nations. Mrs. Thomas moved the acceptance of this report. **Motion carried.**

The recommendations of the **Committee on Finance** were read by the Secretary, these recommendations to be voted on at the Thursday morning session.

Appointments were read by the Secretary as follows: **Committee on Journal**, Mrs. Glen Nordyke, Sr., Mrs. C. R. McCammon; **Chairman of Tellers**, Mrs. J. H. McSweeney; **Distributing Tellers**, Mesdames Curtis Carlin, Jack Golson, Ira Woodfin, Carl Lueg, C. C. Barnes, Ethel Yancey, Cornelia Staples, F. M. Terral; **Counting Tellers**, Mesdames J. W. Boyd, J. T. Eubank, A. S. Hurley, Hale Shadow, Bryan Yates, Robert Compton, J. E. McCampbell, Howard Elder, H. D. Burkhalter. Exploration Group leaders were also named.

The report of the **Committee on Constitution and Bylaws** was given by Mrs. Thomas, Chairman of the Committee. She read proposed amendments to the bylaws and new standing rules which were **adopted** as follows:

ARTICLE III — COMMITTEES

1. **Section 5, page 134, Twenty-Third Annual Report.** Delete the present Section 5 and rewrite to read:

There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of a chairman and four district presidents. The district members shall be rotated by districts as set forth in the Standing Rules of the Conference and shall serve for two years. When vacancies occur among the members of the committee, the successor in office shall fill the unexpired term.

The chairman shall be a person with background and experience in the work of the Woman's Society, who has served as a Conference officer and shall have served as a member of the Conference Executive Committee within four years prior to her election. She shall be nominated by the Executive Committee of the Conference Woman's Society and elected at the Annual Meeting. The term of office shall be four years.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to find specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers, secretaries of lines of work, chairmen of committees whose selection is not otherwise provided for, and members of the Committee on Nominations, and nominate them. The committees shall present for election an equal number of nominations for each office (one or two). Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

2. **Section 11(a), page 135, Twenty-Third Annual Report.** Amend as follows:

Following the word "committee" in line 1, insert the words "for Town and Country Work, whose chairman shall be chosen by the Executive Committee." Delete (line 3) the words "Rural Works Projects" and substitute "Church and Community Workers." Delete (lines 5 and 6) "the Executive Secretary of the Board of Education" and substitute "one of the three Area Council Directors." Substitute (in the last sentence) the words "Church and Community Worker" for "rural deaconess." Delete the last five words in the paragraph, "who shall direct her work." Article III, Section 11(a) will then read as follows:

An Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work, whose chairman shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work in the conference where there are one or more church and community workers. It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of missionary education, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, one of the three area council directors, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the district superintendents of the districts in which church and community workers are located, and one or more members at large. The executive secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the committee. Other persons may be added who will be helpful to the committee in line with the recommendations from the Handbook for Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work. While the committee may make recommendations, the actual decision as to the area in which the Church and Community Worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The church and community worker shall report quarterly to the Committee on Town and Country Work.

3. **Section 11(b), page 135, Twenty-Third Annual Report.** Amend by (1) substituting the words "church and community worker" for the words "rural worker" in line 1; (2) deleting the prefix "sub" where it appears in line 2 and line 5; (3) inserting, following the word "district" (in line 3) the words "one or more ministers of the churches served by the worker;" (4) deleting the words "wish to add" and substituting the word "suggest;" (5) inserting, following the word "committee" in line 5, the words "shall prepare for, plan with, and guide the worker;" (6) inserting, following the word "recommend" in line 5, the word "annually;" (7) by deleting the last five words and substituting "the work for another year." Article III, Section 11(b) will then read as follows:

There shall be set up in each district where there is a church and community worker a District Advisory Committee, composed of the members of the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the district, one or more ministers of the churches served by the worker, and any additional members which the Conference Advisory Committee suggests. This committee shall prepare for, plan with and guide the worker and shall recommend annually to the executive committee of the conference the advisability of continuing the work for another year.

ARTICLE IV — ELECTIONS, page 136, Twenty-Third Annual Report.

Section 3, page 136. Substitute the word "administrative" for the word "executive," this section then to read:

Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the administrative committee upon the nomination of the committee on nominations and ratified by the executive committee (pending permissive legislation from the committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division).

NEW STANDING RULES

28. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws shall have the authority to incorporate in the conference and district bylaws any changes made by the Woman's Division of Christian Service.
29. A conference-wide training school for district officers and secretaries of lines of work shall be held every two years if finances permit.
30. Rotation of district presidents for membership on the Committee on Nominations shall be as follows: Group 1—Lake Charles, New Orleans, Ruston, Shreveport; Group 2—Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe.

Mrs. Glen Nordyke, Sr., Secretary of Missionary Service, introduced the new Director of Business Girls' Inn, Mrs. Ruth Dixon Maddy. Mrs. Maddy presented a brochure of the Inn and spoke of it as a boarding home for girls with the purpose of spiritual enrichment for the everyday lives of those who live there. From the audience she introduced Mrs. L. G. Thomas, who is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Inn, and expressed appreciation for her service.

Mrs. Nordyke presented the Reverend Jerry Moon, the new Director of Dulac Community Center, and Mrs. Moon. Reverend Moon gave his impressions of the work at Dulac, extended an invitation for visits to this institution, and asked for prayer for the work and the workers. He stated that volunteer service, assistance in teaching or work at the Center are needed, as are gifts of cash, toys, and good used clothing.

Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Vice-President, formally presented the Conference President, Mrs. G. W. Dameron. Mrs. Dameron delivered The President's Message. (See page 59).

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by the Reverend Moon.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Anniversary Dinner was held in the banquet hall of the auditorium, which was appropriately decorated for the occasion. Following the invocation by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, a large birthday cake topped by a silver bowl, the gift of Mrs. Robert L. Stephan of Lafayette, was rolled into the room and presented before the head table as the group sang "Happy Birthday, Woman's Society." The silver bowl, containing an arrangement of pink and white flowers, was removed from the cake and presented to Mrs. Dameron for the Conference Society, to be passed on to each succeeding president. The following note accompanied the bowl: "On this silver anniversary of our Woman's Society of Christian Service, this bowl is presented in loving remembrance of the Christian women who, in the past, have worked to make our organization the success that it is today, and, with the earnest prayer that, in the future, we will continue to grow not only in number but in spiritual strength and in dedicated service."

Mrs. Dameron introduced those seated at the head table with her. They were Dr. Vela Cleveland, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, the Reverend and Mrs. A. Jerome Cain, Mrs. John L. Howe, and the former presidents of the Louisiana Conference: Mrs. George Sexton, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick.

Mrs. George Sexton, who was the first president of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, opened her talk on "Our Heritage" with the words "Yea, we have a goodly heritage." She spoke of the uniting conference in May, 1939, with the rallying cry "Methodists are one people," of the intervening years since unification and of all the work that has been done in organizing for service. She concluded: "We have wisely invested our heritage and wonderful dividends have been paid. We now stand in the prow of the boat with the spray of the future in our faces. What will you as Christian women do with your heritage? Are you ready to serve the present age?"

Mrs. Dameron introduced five presidents of local societies who spoke briefly on what the twenty-fifth anniversary will mean to their societies. They were: Mrs. Bonnie Burke, Mrs. J. M. Wilkes, Mrs. George Tigner, Mrs. V. W. Cothren, and Mrs. Robert Compton.

Mrs. Dameron read the proposed Purpose of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild, which is to be voted on at General Conference, and the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Goals. She spoke briefly on the goals, emphases, and ideals toward which we have been striving for the past twenty-five years and stated that basic to our other achievements has been a deepening of spiritual experiences.

Honorary Membership pins were presented to Bishop Walton and to Mrs. Walton (in absentia) by Mrs. Dameron in behalf of the Conference Society. The pins represented a gift to missions sufficient to uphold the work of the entire Woman's Division around the world for eight minutes. Bishop Walton expressed appreciation for this honor.

A prayer by Mrs. Carl Gallaher concluded this section of the program.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

The singing of the hymn, "O Zion Haste," opened the Wednesday evening meeting. The Reverend R. R. Branton read scripture from the latter portion of the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Mark, and led in prayer.

The anthem, "Go Not Far From Me, O God" by Zingarelli, was sung by the combined choirs of Asbury, Davidson Memorial, and First Methodist Churches under the direction of Miss Harriet Magruder.

Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey gave a challenging address on the subject, "Summons For a New Day." She stated that the Woman's Division has been earnestly seeking new knowledge, new insights and new methods trying to meet the changing role of women and changing patterns in the church in this new day. For the next two and a half years, until the Assembly in Portland, Oregon in 1966, concentrated effort will be given toward attaining the goals for the twenty-fifth anniversary — an increase in membership, finances, and personnel, for all of which there is a great need. It is realized that we need a new kind of program and a new type of education — continuing education. Certain pilot projects have been recommended and a series of experimental programs in new areas will soon be begun. Plans for restructuring the Board of Missions have been completed during the past year by the Committee on Structure, of which she is a member, and must be approved by General Conference. Mentioning that other paramount issues to come before the General Conference are the church and state issue and the issue of whether or not to continue the Central Jurisdiction, she questioned why the church keeps barriers high when labor unions, sports, the arts, schools, and transportation are breaking down walls, and challenged us to help ease and solve this dreadful situation by promoting good will and helping persons become adjusted to the idea of change. Other issues of which she spoke as summoning us to a new day were: a vast mission field in the 70,000 international students in this country, the whole field of ecumenical relations, and the importance of the laity. She stated that we have a tremendous responsibility to help lead people out of deadly inertia, apathy, and a sense of futility — to give them hope and courage and to challenge them to be a part of the new day. Doors all around us are waiting to be opened, she said, and with God's help we can face the days ahead with confidence.

Miss Wilma Snare, Deaconess, led in the closing prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING

On Thursday morning, after the singing of the hymn, "Jesus With Thy Church Abide," the scripture was read by Mrs. M. Eloï Girard from Chronicles 16, 23-24; Isaiah 43, 5-11; Matthew 28, 18-20. Mrs. Girard then led in prayer.

Reporting for the Committee on Journal, Mrs. C. R. McCammon stated that the journal had been examined and found in order.

A telegram from the Texas Conference Woman's Society and a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brunson were read by the Secretary.

At the request of the President, the Secretary read the standing rule on voting membership. By individual count the voting strength was established as 202. The Secretary then read the bylaw concerning election of conference officers.

Mrs. C. B. McGowan gave the report of the Nominating Committee, naming one nominee for each conference office to be filled. The President called for nominations from the floor. There being none, the election was by voice. Those elected were: Vice-President, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.; Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. W. B. Gardner; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. T. M. Ellis; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr.; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Max Clayton; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. T. Luster James; Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. J. B. Kelley. The new officers were presented by the President.

Mrs. Dameron stated that three delegates and four reserve delegates to the Jurisdiction Society must be elected and requested the Secretary to read the bylaw on electing delegates to the Jurisdiction. Nominations for delegates were heard as follows: Mrs. T. Luster James, Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr., Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr. On motion of Mrs. W. A. Ragan, nominations were closed.

Mrs. J. H. McSween, Chairman of Tellers, read the rules of balloting. The tellers distributed and collected ballots, then retired to count the votes.

The President called for questions from the delegates relative to the Recommendations of the Committee on Finance, which had been read from the platform on Wednesday afternoon. The two questions which were asked were answered by Mrs. Carl Gallaher, the Treasurer, and Mrs. Dameron.

On motion of Mrs. Thomas, the Recommendations of the Committee of Finance were accepted as follows:

1. That the 1964-1965 Pledge to Missions be ----- \$138,610.00
 That the 1964-1965 Conference Budget be ----- 13,020.00
\$151,630.00

2. That the Districts' Pledges to Conference be as follows:

Alexandria -----	\$ 12,828.00
Baton Rouge -----	23,555.00
Lafayette -----	12,153.00
Lake Charles -----	18,017.00
Monroe -----	17,880.00
New Orleans -----	19,601.00
Ruston -----	15,543.00
Shreveport -----	32,053.00
	\$151,630.00

3. That the Conference Budget for 1964-1965 be as follows:

Officers' Expenses -----	\$ 1,400.00
Annual Meeting -----	1,500.00
Annual Report -----	1,400.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting -----	250.00
Jurisdiction Meeting -----	750.00
Conference School of Missions -----	1,300.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions -----	650.00
Christian Social Relations -----	300.00
Christian Vocations -----	200.00
Director, Youth Work -----	600.00
Cooperative Meetings -----	450.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation -----	850.00
Division Cultivation -----	80.00

Miscellaneous -----	565.00
Conference News -----	625.00
Tour -----	300.00
Guild -----	1,800.00
	<u>\$13,020.00</u>

4. That the Conference Society request permission from the Woman's Division of Christian Service to make a supplementary gift of \$3,300.00 toward the 1964-65 salary of Mrs. Martha Overbey.
5. That the \$220.00 held as surplus in the Conference Missionary Educational Seminar fund be used, if necessary, to supplement the gift for payment of the 1964-65 salary of Mrs. Martha Overbey.
6. That \$1,020.00, which was used for travel and supply expense for Mrs. Martha Overbey in the 1962-63 Conference year and which was paid from Conference Cultivation, be refunded to Cultivation from the special Supply fund and applied, if necessary, on the supplementary gift for the 1964-65 salary of Mrs. Martha Overbey.
7. That \$150.00 from the Miscellaneous fund be used to finance an Orientation Day for Conference Officers in the Spring of 1964.
8. That a love gift of \$25.00 be given to the Reverend Barry Bailey in appreciation of his inspirational leadership during the Spiritual Life Retreat for the Conference Executive Committee.
9. That, in case we have workers from Louisiana invited to the Annual Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, two thirds of their expenses be provided by this Conference Society.
10. That the \$390.00 refund from the 1963 Missions Tour be made available for the 1964 Tour should one be held.
11. That an amount up to \$50.00 be allowed for use in the Districts, if needed, to supply the Special Missions Banks for Local Societies.
12. That we add \$300.00 from the 1962-63 surplus in the Conference Cultivation fund to the Recruitment fund.
13. That we send \$100.00 from the Conference Cultivation fund, as a gift, for inclusion in the tribute to Mrs. J. Fount Tillman to complete and furnish the Chapel at the Church Center for the United Nations.
14. That every Treasurer help to make "Pledge" come alive to every member of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild by lifting up projects of the Woman's Division and the unmet needs.
15. That every Treasurer take advantage of all training opportunities such as Clinics, Officer Training Days, Schools of Missions and District and Conference Annual Meetings.
16. That all ceremonials (that is, Pledge Services, Special Day Offerings, etc.) be worshipful, to the end that all giving may become a spiritual experience.
17. That each District strive for a 25% increase in pledge giving by 1966, the increase to be based on the amount paid on pledge in 1962-63.
18. That the Secretary of Youth Work attend the Regional Stewardship seminar to be held in Dallas in September, 1964, and that the expense be paid by the Conference.
19. That each of the youth attending the National Convocation of Methodist Youth to be held July 27-31, 1964, at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, be allowed \$5.00 to apply on travel, the Louisiana quota being 44 youth.

Mrs. Gallaher gave a financial statement for the first three quarters of 1963-64. She then spoke of the observance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Society, of the future needs and the funds needed annually to meet them, as projected by the treasurer of the Woman's Division:

\$300,000 in the Department of Christian Social Relations, \$830,000 in the Foreign Field; and \$1,473,500 in the Home Field. She stated that each conference Woman's Society has been asked to increase its pledge giving during the next two and one-half years so that by 1965-1966 this pledge giving will show a twenty-five per cent increase over that of 1962-1963. Noting that the budget just adopted for 1964-65 absorbs eleven per cent of that increase, she pointed out many ways in which the desired increase in giving can be achieved in the local society.

Mrs. Dameron presented Mrs. Martha Overbey, Church and Community Worker; Miss Fae Daves, Director of St. Mark's Community Center; and Mrs. Pearl Turnbull, Nursery Teacher at People's Methodist Community Center. Each, in turn, spoke about her work. For full reports, see pages 90, 91, 99.

Mrs. Overbey spoke of her ministry to six churches in Alexandria District, some with a very small membership. She asked for prayers for her work.

Miss Daves told something of the program at St. Mark's Community Center and of what St. Mark's has meant in the lives of those who attend, giving specific examples. Two new services were added during the year—a play program for children in a nearby housing project and English classes for Cuban refugees who live there. The staff has been short one full time worker since June, 1963, giving the regular staff too great a load, yet the work has gone ahead, supplemented by 38 volunteers. The possibility of including in their program work with negroes in the area is being investigated.

Mrs. Turnbull stated that 200 children are enrolled at People's Methodist Community Center and, although another classroom was added last year, 60 children had to be turned away. The school attempts to fill a pressing need in the community in caring for children of mothers who must seek employment to meet their living expenses. She brought testimonies from many parents as to the great value of this Center in the lives of their children.

The report of the tellers was brought by Mrs. McSween: Mrs. Garland Dean, 162; Mrs. T. Luster James, 161; Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., 136; Mrs. T. M. Ellis, 115. Those elected delegates to the Jurisdiction Society were Mrs. Dean, Mrs. James and Mrs. Mouton.

The voting strength was recounted and declared to be 205. Nominations were made from the floor for four reserve delegates. Those nominated were Mrs. W. B. Gardner, Mrs. T. M. Ellis, Mrs. Glen Nordyke, Mrs. J. B. Kelley, Mrs. C. R. McCammon. The ballots were distributed and collected by the tellers. On the request of Mrs. Glenn Laskey, the President directed that the ballots be sealed and filed with the Secretary until the lunch hour in order that the tellers might hear the address of the speaker to follow.

Miss Louise Killingsworth, Missionary to Malaya, was presented by Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr. Miss Killingsworth, currently itinerating the United States under the auspices of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Woman's Division, spoke of how impressed she is with the devotion and dedication of the Christian women in the United States and with the way they are studying. Speaking on the subject, "Our Task in Malaya and in Louisiana," she told of the changes she has witnessed in Malaya: the recently earned independence of Malaya, now a member of the United Nations; growth of nationalism; an increasing pride in native heritage and culture; a resurgence of non-Christian religions. She stated that the role of the missionary and of the church is changing. In the Malayan Methodist Church there is more native leadership than ten years ago—most of the ministers are Malayan, and missionaries are being sent from Malaya to other countries. The Methodist Church of Malaya has a delegate to the 1964 General Conference. There is an increasing interest in Protestant churches drawing closer together. The 1963 Consultation in Southeast Asia considered how the Methodist Church can meet the needs of the changing world. The answer seems to be that we should work toward an indigenous, autonomous church.

She stated that if this happens, they will need our continued support, our missionaries, and our prayers. Two major points of concern for us are: (1) that we keep before our women and our young people the need for workers in that part of the world, with thought toward the M3 plan; (2) that we make our church here more Christian. Malaysians cannot understand our race problem. We need unity among the races. Our church is very serious about working for all people. She urged that we take part in workshops being held on this issue. We must think and pray about how we can be Christian in the days ahead. God will lead us if we put ourselves in His hands and are willing to be used as His instrument. She concluded by reading from the New English Bible I Corinthians 12: 31 and I Corinthians 13.

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan presented distinguished guests, visitors and members in attendance. A vocal solo, "Gloria" by Buzza-Pizzia, sung by Miss Harriet Magruder, preceded the noon-time meditation.

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, speaking on "The World Mission of the Methodist Church," stated that today the Christian Church is represented by our missionaries all over the world—a world stirred by revolutionary transitions. With political independence has come a desire for religious independence. Throughout Asia and in Africa there is a resurgence of old religions, a developing of religion on national lines, and opposition to a foreign religion. Stating that we have dressed religion in Western dress in Africa, in India, and other lands, he said, "That is unnecessary. We are not trying to take our Western religion to them—we are trying to take Jesus Christ to them!" He spoke of racial prejudice in our churches, of the resulting situations that our missionaries have to face in other lands because of this, and questioned why any follower of the Christ would have such deep rooted prejudices as to offend the deep sensibilities of another race. The mission of the Christian Church is the gospel of Christ, the redemptive and keeping power of the love of God; He is the propitiation not for our sins only but for the whole world. The world mission of the church is as challenging today as in the days of Paul. He concluded with prayer.

MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

Mrs. Lee Tidwell, South Central Jurisdiction Secretary of Promotion, presided over the Membership Luncheon, which was held in the banquet room of the auditorium. The Reverend Jerome Cain returned thanks. Mrs. Tidwell introduced those at the table with her: Bishop Walton, Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Laskey, Reverend Cain and Mrs. Cain, Reverend Harold Hine and Mrs. Hine, Reverend Ronald DeVillier, Mrs. M. Eloi Girard, Mrs. M. T. Holloway, and Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Conference Secretary of Promotion, after speaking of the visitation program for promotion of membership in which the South Central Jurisdiction is engaged, called the honor roll of those 82 societies in Louisiana that have reported a gain in membership for 1964, asking a representative of each society to stand for recognition as the name was called. Mrs. Patterson stated that a twenty-five per cent increase in membership is one of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary goals, and urged that the membership visitation be continued.

Several skits were presented, showing good and bad ways to seek new members. Those participating in the skits were Mesdames A. R. Scheffer, T. Luster James, Cecil Read, L. C. Aycock, J. R. Kavanaugh, W. B. Gardner, Max Clayton, W. D. Snelling.

Mrs. Tidwell spoke of the joys and advantages of membership in the Woman's Society—fellowship, friendship, leadership, stewardship, partnership with others and with God, discipleship. She stated that the talent, service, love and prayers of more than half the women in the Methodist Church are unreached resources for the Woman's Society and Guild and challenged us with the responsibility of enlisting them in membership by extending to them the arms of friendship and love.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with the singing of the hymn, "Walk In The Light," and a prayer by Miss Patricia Gibson, Deaconess.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey spoke in detail of the proposed reorganization of the structure of the Board of Missions, which must be passed on by General Conference, and of the reasons for the revision. Among the changes that she mentioned were: a **general** secretary to coordinate the work of the Board of Missions (instead of the present **four** secretaries); **only three** Divisions of the Board of Missions—the Division of National Missions, the Division of World Missions, and the Woman's Division; **only one** secretary or administrator for each mission field or area of work, to replace the present dual administration at home and overseas; **only one** Advance department, with a united appeal for funds; **only one** department for educational and cultivation work; **one** department for audio-visuals; **one** Service Center to replace the two literature and editorial departments. All missionaries will be under the jurisdiction of The Methodist Church, rather than under several different Divisions as at present. It has been proposed that a certain percentage of the top administrative and staff positions be filled by women. The Woman's Division will have increased responsibilities in the field of leadership training and program development for Christian mission, and in Christian Social Relations. Youth Work and Children's Work will be deleted from the Woman's Division beginning in June, 1965, to be carried on by the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education. Mrs. Laskey expressed the feeling that this is a great advance for the church and that there should be no hesitation among members of the church in accepting change when the Christian mission demands it.

Mrs. Dameron introduced Mrs. Veora Lundy, President of the Central Jurisdiction Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, who was seated in the audience.

The report of the Tellers on the voting for **reserve delegates to the Jurisdiction Society** was brought by Mrs. McSween as follows: Mrs. T. M. Ellis, 197; Mrs. W. B. Gardner, 162; Mrs. Glen Nordyke, 156; Mrs. J. B. Kelley, 149; Mrs. C. R. McCammon, 148. Those **elected** were: Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Nordyke, Mrs. Kelley.

A "Feather in Your Hat" show was the feature of the report of the districts. Each person in the auditorium was given a paper hat and a feather of the color indicative of her office or status in the Woman's Society. Directions for decorating the hats were given in song by Mrs. Gaston White, soloist. The stars of the show were the district presidents and secretaries of promotion. As Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Conference Secretary of Promotion, read a poem telling of the achievements of the districts, the white roller brim hat of each district president was decorated by her secretary of promotion with feathers of varying color, according to the achievements of her district. A hat containing feathers of all colors was presented to the Conference President to represent the total achievements of the Conference. The facts represented by this skit were: **Seven** districts showed a membership increase, had Christian Vocations Weekends, and showed increased attendance at School of Missions. **Eight** districts raised their pledge, sent girls to youth section of School of Missions, and had seminars for workers with children and youth. **Six** districts sent young people on the Conference out-of-state mission tour. **One** district had a spiritual life retreat. **One** district recruited a worker for full-time service.

Dr. Vela Cleveland, Medical Missionary to India, was presented by Mrs. Dameron. Dr. Cleveland, on leave from Ellen Thoburn Cowen Memorial Hospital in Kolar, Mysore State, India, will return there in April. She showed colored slides of the work at this hospital, made enlightening comments on each slide, and gave much information about her mission in India. She stated that missionaries today go, not to be "the boss," but to serve where needed—to work with the nationals. Dr. Cleveland, a pediatrician, has

worked in almost every position in the hospital, currently serving as anesthesiologist (for which she had to take special training after going to India). It is her job to process all applications for medical scholarships and to administer the scholarships for 125 students in colleges all over India, which requires much time and travel. Nationals are constantly being trained to take over the work of missionaries. The hospitals are staffed with nationals, and with the exception of Dr. Esther Shumaker and Dr. Cleveland, all doctors at Ellen T. Cowen Hospital are nationals. The heart of the hospital work is in the chapel. The hospitals are delivering the message of Jesus. Dr. Cleveland said, "The witness of service is what we give. It is not what is said, but what is done that is the witness. As we are your missionaries there, you are our missionaries here. It is your witness here that frees the hands of the missionaries—or ties their hands. Please do not tie our hands to work for you."

Mrs. Dameron introduced Reverend Robert Tatum, Reverend Robert Barefield, and Reverend William Stokes, directors of the Wesley Foundations in Louisiana to whose support the Woman's Division of Christian Service contributes.

Reverend Tatum, Director of Wesley Foundation at Northwestern State College, spoke of the influence of the people in our churches on the students—either positive or negative. He urged that we be concerned about the students and seek to guide their interests in such a way that their lives will count for the greatest good.

Reverend Stokes, Director of Wesley Foundation at Louisiana Tech, spoke of the dedication with which the students work and of their great faith in Christ. He extended an invitation to visit Wesley Foundation and meet the future leaders of our church.

The Wesley Singers from the University of Southwestern Louisiana sang the chorales, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" and "Jesu, Priceless Treasure." Reverend Barefield, Director of Wesley Foundation at USL, gave the benediction for the afternoon session.

RECRUITMENT DINNER

The Recruitment Dinner, held in the banquet room of the auditorium, was presided over by Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Secretary of Missionary Personnel. Young people from over the state were the honored guests. Mrs. McCammon presented the Conference and District officers of the Methodist Youth Fellowship and those students in attendance, who were from the following districts: Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lake Charles, Monroe, Lafayette, and New Orleans.

Mrs. McCammon, citing the needs of the church for workers to carry out its mission, stated that the recruitment goals of the Conference Woman's Society for the next two years are: one regular and one special missionary for overseas service, and one regular and one special term worker for the home field.

She presented three young women who were commissioned as Deaconesses this year: Misses Barbara Boultinghouse, Shirley Manning, and Phoebe Reynolds; two special term workers, US 2's, Misses Judy Doyle and Jeanette Marks; and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Lipscomb, medical students who plan to be medical missionaries. In a round table discussion, with Mrs. McCammon serving as moderator, these young people told why they had decided to go into church service, recounted some meaningful experiences in their lives, and told of the personal satisfaction and joy that comes through service.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Louisiana Conference Commission on Christian Vocations, spoke of the many vocations which are included in church related work. She urged adults to be concerned about recruit-

ment in the local church and to send the names of interested young people to the Conference Chairman of Christian Vocations. At present she has on file about two hundred names.

The group spoke of the excellent learning opportunities provided for young people by summer work projects and summer jobs in church institutions, and of the educational assistance that can be obtained from scholarships and student loan funds within the church.

Mrs. McCammon presented Special Memberships from the Conference Woman's Society to the three Deaconesses: Miss Boultinghouse, Miss Manning, and Miss Reynolds. A prayer of benediction by Reverend C. R. McCammon concluded the program.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Wesley Players from the University of Southwestern Louisiana presented a drama, "God's Work In Our Time," written by Mrs. John Howe and directed by Reverend Ronald DeVillier. The drama was a forceful presentation of the thinking of students about the mission of the church today and the individual's responsibility in it. Those participating in the drama were Julie Haack, narrator, Dave Perry, Jeff Brooks, David Mullenix, Vickie Wommack, Sharon Goodman, Frank Graves, Maurice Leatherbury, Sharon Goodman, Gloria Hoffpauir, Mike Davis, and Judy Rodgers.

Following the drama, a pledge and covenant service was led by Mrs. John Howe and Mrs. Carl Gallaher. Mrs. Howe opened this service with a call to worship. After the singing of the hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," she led in the invocation, read the scripture: John 17: 6-11, 20-23, and spoke on the meaning of the symbol in the drama's stage setting, which was used to signify "God's Work in Our Time." She then led in a prayer of thanksgiving.

Assisted by the eight District Treasurers, Mrs. Gallaher led in a period of meditation calling our attention to the love of God for the world, the need of the world for Christ, and the need for lives and funds dedicated to service for Him. Following a responsive reading of the Act of Repentance, the anthem, "For God So Loved the World" by Stainer, was sung by a quartet composed of Miss Harriet Magruder, Mr. W. W. Moring, Mrs. George B. Belew, Mr. Ellis H. Denning. A prayer of intercession was led by Mrs. Gallaher.

The District Treasurers made the financial pledges for the districts and presented them to the Conference Treasurer for acceptance.

A planned period of silence followed. It was a very prayerful and thought provoking time of individual dedication, during which each individual present was asked to write on a card her own personal commitment for her life. The cards, representative of lives pledged to service, were presented to Bishop Walton by Mrs. Gallaher. Bishop Walton, expressing appreciation for the great work possible through our gifts of finances, love, service and prayers, closed the meeting with words of dedication and prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING

The final morning session began with the hymn, "Behold Us Lord," after which Dr. Vela Cleveland requested a period of silent prayer. She read the scripture, John 17, and spoke of the spiritual union among Christians of all denominations and of the need for Christians to broaden their visions and widen their horizons to include all races. She stated that we cannot effectively do God's work in our time until we do include all races. She then led in prayer.

The President announced the appointment of Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., as assistant secretary. She urged that all delegates turn in an evaluation report before leaving the meeting, using the blanks in the delegates' packets. She then called for committee reports.

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Chairman of the Committee on Tours, reported that the third mission tour for youth would be held July 21-31, 1964, to mission stations in Texas and Oklahoma, with Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham as directors. Delegates were urged to see that information about the tour reaches those young people who are interested in a church vocation so that they might become familiar with what is being done to fulfill the mission of the church in these days. For complete report see page 89.

Mrs. Glen Nordyke, Sr., Dean of the 1964 School of Missions, announced the dates of the School as August 3-7, 1964. She urged the delegates to read carefully the leaflet in their packets about the school.

Reporting for the Committee on Journal, Mrs. McCammon stated that the minutes had been examined and found to be in very good order.

Mrs. J. E. Carlisle, newly elected President of the Woman's Society at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Shreveport, brought an invitation for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society to be held at Broadmoor Methodist Church on March 10, 11, 12, 1965. The invitation was accepted with a rising vote of thanks.

The President announced that the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held following the close of the Annual Meeting would include newly elected officers.

Mrs. M. T. Holloway gave the report of Registration as follows: Delegates, 151; Visitors, 629 (172 youth); District Officers, 48; Workers, 15; Total registration, 676 adults and 172 youth. The registration by districts was: Alexandria, 31; Baton Rouge, 74; Lafayette, 297; Lake Charles, 104; Monroe, 21; New Orleans, 36; Ruston, 16; Shreveport, 42.

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr. reported for the Committee on Resolutions as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

"A Thing of Beauty" lies deep in the heart of our beloved Southland. Through many Springs it had drawn us like a lodestone and beckoned us like the North Star to revel in its beauty of flowering trees, flinging their glory to the skies, in blooming shrubs, touching our hand as we pass and in riotous blossoming of a hundred happy, little flowers tying it all together and to the good earth from which it came.

We have journeyed to this place from the four corners of our boundaries and stepped into the majesty of this building, dedicated to the high arts of living, been touched by the hand of friendship, welcomed within its doors and sustained by a hundred little courtesies which have made us comfortable, strong and refreshed.

Aware of the countless tasks that had to be done and the unnumbered people involved in doing them, we can not possibly name every one, but know that each is noted and remembered in our hearts.

With deep and sincere appreciation, we express our thanks: To the General Chairman, Mrs. J. J. Davidson and her chairmen; To members of the District Woman's Societies and Guilds and friends of the First Methodist, Davidson Memorial, Asbury and Ivanhoe Churches;

To the City of Lafayette and surrounding communities for the facilities so freely and generously provided to make the auditorium a place of worship, inspiration and comfort and to the staff whose tireless efforts have kept before us the symbol of our Faith; For the beauty of music to lift us heavenward and those who shared with us their talents; For our distinguished guests and speakers, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Miss Louise Killingsworth, Dr. Vela Cleveland, Mrs. George Sexton, Mrs. Lee Tidwell and Mrs. L. B. Kil-

patrick and Bishop Walton for information, inspiration and challenge to carry us into the new quadrennium; To the workers in our Homes and Institutions who valiantly carry Jesus Christ and us to people;

To the youth and their leaders, God Bless them, with special appreciation for the Wesley Players;

To the Chairman, Mrs. John Howe, and her committee to whom we are indebted for a wonderfully successful program.

In this new age when women are advancing to representation with men in the Methodist Church, we shall always appreciate and be grateful for the wisdom, stability and excitement that our men bring to our area of endeavor. At this 24th Annual Meeting, which perhaps there will never be another like, we thank Bishop Walton, the District Superintendent, pastors and workers who have made so great a contribution to the success and pleasure of this meeting.

The members of the Executive Committee again wish to thank their hostesses, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Montgomery and Mrs. Girard for their gracious hospitalities.

And so we leave your fair city with high purpose to witness to the power of Jesus Christ conscious of the touch of reality through progress achieved, bound together with the opportunities and privileges that await us and lie ahead which will make our days here "A Joy Forever!"

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., Chairman

Mrs. L. C. Aycock

Mrs. S. B. Dampier

Mrs. Dameron expressed her personal appreciation to the staff of the auditorium for their courtesy and consideration in handling all arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

For a question and answer period, to replace the usual conference officers' reports, the audience was divided into sixteen exploration groups. Under the direction of assigned leaders, the groups formulated questions about the work of the Woman's Society to be addressed to the Conference officers, who were seated on the stage. Mrs. M. R. Tatum served as moderator, directing each question to a specific officer. The group leaders were: Mesdames J. M. Wilkes, John McIntosh, Donald Wineinger, T. F. Wilbanks, W. A. Ragan, Harold Hine, Cecil Read, R. J. McGehee, Max Clayton, W. B. Gardner, L. G. Thomas, V. W. Cothren, Garland Dean, Jr., G. A. Blankenbaker, A. B. Owen, A. R. Schefer, Jack Dolan, Leon Gray.

In preparation for voting on the officers' recommendations, as contained in the delegates' packets, the President called for any questions concerning these recommendations. On motion of Mrs. Lee Tidwell, the recommendations of officers and secretaries of lines of work were **adopted**.

A period of silent prayer was directed by Mrs. Dameron for Miss Sophie Kuntz, retired Louisiana Deaconess, who was reportedly facing serious surgery, and for Mr. Thomas Pitt, Associate Area Council Director, who was reported to be critically ill in a Shreveport hospital.

Bringing a report on Sager-Brown School, Miss Rosie Ann Cobb, Director, stated that in February, 1964, a new brick building with air conditioned class rooms was put into use on the Sager-Brown campus. She paid tribute to the Deaconesses and US 2's working there and spoke of the decisions they had to make to come to work at Sager-Brown. She asked for the prayers and cooperation of the women of Louisiana and closed with a personal plea: "May we take time to be holy---run not before Him" in this time of tensions.

Mr. John Howe, Jr., Director of MacDonell Methodist Center, paid tribute to the young people who have been working at the Center. He gave a special invitation for all to visit and to learn first hand of the work done at MacDonell Methodist Center.

Following the singing of the Guild Hymn, Mrs. Dameron introduced Mrs. Bessie Fairley to make the report of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the absence of Miss Arline Tyler, and stated that Mrs. Fairley had accepted an appointment to the Methodist Children's Home in Ruston, effective in June. Mrs. Fairley reported the Wesleyan Service Guild to be active in every area of work, confident that the pledge and supply work asking will be met. She spoke of a significant increase in cooperative effort and activities between the Guild and Woman's Society. Some changes noted in the Guild were: a full weekend for mid-year Guild Committee meeting; a possible change of location and time for Guild Weekend. She expressed appreciation for the four years of service given the Guild by Mrs. Warren Orr and Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.

With an expression of appreciation, Mrs. Dameron announced that Mrs. J. S. Segura had placed in the literature room prayer cards, printed at her own expense, to be distributed without charge.

A service of recognition for outgoing officers was presided over by Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, assisted by Mrs. George Sexton, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, and Mrs. Glenn Laskey. With an expression of appreciation for their years of service as Conference officers, Special Memberships were presented to Mrs. M. R. Tatum, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., and Mrs. Wideman Watson in (absentia). A gift to missions was made in honor of Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, and Mrs. George H. Thomas.

The new officers were installed by Mrs. Kilpatrick as follows: Vice-President, Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr.; Recording Secretary, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.; Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Mrs. W. B. Gardner; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. T. M. Ellis; Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr.; Secretary of Promotion, Mrs. Max Clayton; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. T. Luster James; Secretary of Supply Work, Mrs. J. B. Kelley. After the service of installation, Mrs. Frank W. Harrison Jr. sang "The Greatest of These Is Love."

Bishop Walton brought the closing meditation, speaking on "The Christian Witness of Methodism in Africa. Having spent seven weeks of September and October, 1963, in Africa, he told of recent conditions in the Congo, Katanga, Liberia and Southern Rhodesia. Liberia, the oldest mission of the Methodist Church in Africa (1833) will ask at General Conference to become an autonomous church. He spoke of two missionaries from Louisiana, Dorothea Brown at work in Monrovia, and Elma Ashby in Southern Rhodesia. He stated that missionaries have returned to four stations in the Congo: Wembo, Nyama, Katakacombe, Lodja, and Kindu. They are there because they want to be—the most dedicated people anywhere. Conditions are extremely hard; the economy is gone and there is nothing to work with; it is almost like starting over. A new day is dawning in the Congo and the Methodist Church is there. In Katanga, he said, there is less hope and optimism. In Rhodesia things are completely different. There, no tension is felt; the church is moving forward in all lines of work, including hospitals and schools, and is doing good work. Africa is in a state of rapid fluctuation aggravated by the struggle between black and white. It is necessary to find some system whereby both races can live together, for both races are needed. They must learn to live without racial prejudice. Central Africa needs time and peace. The Methodist Church is working with them to help develop Christian people with the heart and mind of Christ. He concluded with a prayer.

After Bishop Walton pronounced the benediction, Mrs. Dameron declared the twenty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service adjourned.

Approved: Committee on Journal
Mrs. C. R. McCammon
Mrs. Glen Nordyke, Sr.

Mrs. George H. Thomas
Recording Secretary
Mrs. G. W. Dameron
President

SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

FINAL SESSION — MARCH 13, 1964

Immediately following the adjournment of the 24th Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee met for lunch and a short business session in the dining room of the Auditorium.

Mrs. J. H. McSween was elected chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws. Mrs. Dameron then read a list of committee appointments.

Mrs. Glen Nordyke, reporting for the Committee on School of Missions, announced that Mrs. Garland Dean was elected Chairman of the School of Christian Mission for 1965. Mrs. C. H. Giessen and Mrs. W. B. Gardner were elected Dean and Assistant Dean, respectively.

Mrs. Dameron announced that Mrs. W. E. Trice is to be the Assistant Editor of *The Louisiana Conference News*. Mrs. C. B. McGowan, Editor and Chairman of the Louisiana Conference News Committee, asked that the Executive Committee include her on the list of mailings sent out by the officers. Mrs. Alfred Knox from *The Louisiana Methodist* made a similar request. Mrs. McGowan reminded those who are to send articles for the next issue of the conference paper to send them to her by April 15th.

The President asked the conference officers and secretaries of lines of work to send all reports that are to be published in *The Annual Report* to the conference recording secretary by June 1st.

The district presidents and secretaries of promotion voted to have the conference Secretary of Promotion write a composite report to be printed in *The Annual Report*. The district secretaries of promotion are to send an article on the outstanding achievements of their districts to the conference secretary with their final report on May 25th.

Mrs. Dameron asked Mrs. McCammon and Mrs. Girard to attend the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society, Central Jurisdiction, to be held in Lafayette on April 16th as official representatives of the Louisiana Conference of the South Central Jurisdiction.

The Committee on Annual Meeting Program reported that Mrs. John L. Howe was elected Chairman for the coming year. Dr. Tracey Jones and Bishop Kenneth Copeland were suggested as speakers for the 1965 Annual Meeting. Mrs. Howe said this program will be the peak observance of the 25th Anniversary.

Mrs. Dameron thanked the committee for all of the work done towards making the 1964 Annual Meeting a success. She stated that the report of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be given to Annual Conference on Thursday, June 4th, at 9 a.m.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Glenn Laskey.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.
Secretary Pro Tem
Mrs. G. W. Dameron
President

REPORTS OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"FOR THIS CAUSE -----"

Someone has said that we do not make our causes, but our causes make us. This is a day in which we must give our lives to great causes—not that we shall become great, but that we shall live in a meaningful way. Robert David Abraham wrote a short poem, following the burning of Shanghai during World War II. The second verse of this poem reads:

For some men die by shrapnell,
For some go down in flames;
But most men perish inch by inch
In play at little games."

What a tragedy if we should "subscribe to a gospel which we have no desire to propagate" because we are busy "playing at little games," or because we are giving all the answers to small and inconsequential questions, while the big questions of our day go unanswered.

Any cause to which we pledge our support must take into account the world in which we live. There is no phrase used so widely to describe our time as "The New Age." The theme of this meeting, "God's Work In Our Time," and the titles for several of the addresses indicate an awareness that we are, indeed, in a new age.

This new age has been described in terms that are now familiar — perhaps too familiar. All of us who have participated in the study of "Our Mission Today" are aware that we live in a world of population explosion; of rising nationalism coupled with a resurgence of non-Christian religions; of the desire of people and nations to be respected, to be equal, and to share in the amenities of life of which they have been deprived. Within our own country, we have witnessed a moral breakdown in which values, once held sacred, have been abandoned. We, too, are involved in the world-wide social revolution which finds its focal point in racial tension.

These characteristics of our world — and many more could be named — are repeated here because, as Christians, we must face the issues they create. They involve us in changes which shatter our complacency; call us to make drastic adjustments in attitudes and ways of living; and to develop new patterns of understanding that we may be worthy Christian witnesses in a revolutionary world.

In his book, "Our Mission Today," Dr. Tracy Jones says, "The mark of a great age is risk." We may paraphrase the statement by saying, "The mark of a great cause is risk." A missile is launched, and a young man in a capsule risks his life to explore outer space. The great Boards of our Church engage in objective study of program and structure and risk the acceptance of untried ways in order to achieve their goals. We can look on the changes today as problems or as opportunities, but face them, and the risks they involve, we must. To expect a return to an untroubled existence once the waves of change and revolution have subsided is to be as unwise in our expectations as were the predictions about the automobile and its influence on society which appeared in the 1924 Annals of the Academy of Political and Social Science. These predictions said:

1. "Farm to city migration will be checked; farmers can visit the city at any time.
2. The lack of exercise by walking will be offset by the muscular efforts of steering and roadside repairs.
3. The car will keep the family together for its recreation.
4. The price of a good used car seems to be stabilized at about \$200."

We smile at this unrealistic forecast made forty years ago, about the automobile, but it is the danger of every generation to expect its own status quo to remain intact.

For This Cause — The Role of Women in the New Age

The tides of history are so close upon us that we women are having difficulty grasping the fact that one of the consequences — and perhaps one of the problems — resulting from these changes is the changing role of women in today's world. It was this theme to which the National Christian Social Relations Seminar addressed itself when it met in Tacoma, Washington, last summer.

We are not unaware of the changes taking place about us. Our children and grandchildren keep us informed on this score. A six-year old child asks her mother, "Mommie, can I go to the moon?" as casually as she would request permission to visit her friend. And Mommie hesitates to utter the "No," which springs quickly and naturally to her lips, for her small daughter may, indeed, go to the moon!

But, are we aware of the deeper implications of the changes taking place in the lives of women today? A few ideas and quotations from an address given by Miss Elizabeth Palmer, International Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, to the National Seminar, may increase our understanding of women in a new age. Miss Palmer says that the changes which are having a special effect on the role of women are in every country in the world. "Fifty years ago, woman suffrage was the courageous hope of a handful of men and women in one or two countries; today there are only nine countries in the world where women have no voting rights and are not eligible for election."

There is a lack of clarity in what is man's work and woman's work. There are jobs which require a certain kind of physical strength, but with the coming of machines, a great many such jobs can no longer be classified as strictly "men's work." Miss Palmer points out that in those parts of the world where agriculture has been primarily for women, as soon as it becomes mechanized it is thought to be a man's work. "The truth of the matter is, when it was back-breaking labour, women did it, and when it became sitting on a tractor, it becomes men's work."

Whatever women's place in economic life, education is basic. Yet "In this country where we hear there is a shortage of qualified and trained people, fewer girls are finishing college than they did a number of years ago and fewer are taking graduate study. Obviously, this is not because there are fewer bright girls, but primarily because they are not being encouraged to do so."

We are prone to think that the working mother is an innovation in society, but from time immemorial there have been working wives and mothers. "The family farm, the small shop couldn't have existed economically without the help of the wife." The working mother is not new, but technological changes have altered the nature and place of her work. Reconciling the claims of home and work creates the present dilemma.

The movement toward equal opportunities in education, employment, politics is not that women shall be like men, but that they shall be fully themselves, free to develop and use their God given capacities in the life of our day.

The membership appeal of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild must take into account the changes which are affecting the lives of women. It has been said that the essence of growth is change. We are challenged, therefore, to alter, improve, adjust — not for the sake of change itself, for all change is not necessarily progress — but that we may expand our spiritual horizons. We are challenged to break those rigid molds of tradition which no longer have meaning; to bring imagination to bear on the inflexible schedule of meetings to which many Societies and Guilds adhere; to risk untried methods, if necessary, to meet the needs of women today.

A story is told of Bishop McDowell and one of his college class-mates, named Jones, who, it seemed to the bishop, had had the brightest future of any member of his class. Twenty-five years after graduation Bishop McDowell met another classmate and inquired about Jones. "I thought," said

the bishop, "Jones would be in the United States Senate by now." His friend replied, "Didn't you know, Bishop? Jones caught up with his own horizons." Let it never be said of the Woman's Society of Christian Service that we have caught up with our own horizons and have thus destroyed our growing edge.

For This Cause — Missions and Mission

The interest of Methodist women in missions is traditional. Mrs. Norreen Dunn Tatum, in her book, *A Crown of Service*, records that, in the century when women were struggling for educational opportunities and the right to vote, the idea of "women's work for women" spread across the churches like a flame. Its sparks fell in unrelated and unexpected places, and women, recognizing them as a God-given impulse, determined to keep them burning — and keep them burning they did! It is reported that, while a Methodist pastor in Missouri was pronouncing "death to the ashes" of the Parsonage and Home Mission Society of his congregation, Mrs. J. F. Evans, a minister's wife in Mississippi, was holding meetings of her "society" all alone and sending in her dues and reports regularly. In Oklahoma, Mrs. G. B. Hester organized her one-woman society to which she gave her loyalty and support for years. And a woman in Texas joined the only society she knew about — in Abingdon, Virginia.

The depth of insight and dedication of these pioneer missionary women calls forth our highest admiration. Their gifts of self and substance laid the foundation for the extensive missionary activity in which we are now engaged. But the study of "Our Mission Today" has made us realize that "we may be at the beginning of a vital new thrust in Christian mission," involving "new relationships between sending and receiving churches, new methods of support, new tasks for missionaries" and "intelligent and growing understanding" of our individual responsibilities in the mission today. As Christians, we must not only believe in missions; we must also become involved in missions. Dr. Paul Tillich says: "Where there are contacts, there is witness to Christianity, and where there is witness to Christianity, there is implicitly missionary activity." From among our group — or from among our children — there will be comparatively few who will go out as commissioned workers under the church; but each of us will have contacts — in her home; in her street; in her community. Here we will make our witness. Here we will engage in our own missionary activity.

The mission fields of today are geographical, but they are also in the areas of ideas, situations, causes, and human relations. No one knows better than the missionary the necessity for Christians to bring their witness to bear on every phase of life. Miss Pearl McCain, missionary to Japan, writes: "Never was the need more urgent for Christians to share the Good News which we have in Christ and to let Christ have full control in every area of our lives — there was no room for Him in the Inn — and today there seems to be comparatively little room for Him in social relations, politics, economics, and all the other areas of our corporate life."

There are many "mission fields" beyond the bounds of geography which await a more decisive confrontation with the Christian Gospel. There is the mission field of human relations in which you and I are involved, willingly or unwillingly. To refuse to read that with which we do not agree; to refuse to listen to words spoken by a person of color simply because of his color; to refuse financial support to the Church or to the broad missionary program of the church because some small portion of our funds may go to a cause with which we have no sympathy; to refuse to test our attitudes by the teachings of Jesus — and by each of these refusals to expect the troublesome subject to disappear is to assume the posture of the proverbial ostrich whose head is buried in the sand. In this time of crisis, all persons — white - negro, Latin American, Oriental, and American Indian — must recognize the two way passage on the road we travel, and Christians must know that the road will not bear the traffic unless mutual respect, compassion, helpfulness, and good will transcend the differences of culture, color, and distrust.

Another non-geographical "mission field" is that of literature and literacy. Dr. Eugene Smith, Executive Secretary of the Division of World Missions of the Board of Missions, states that the matter of Christian oriented literature is a priority task of the Board of Missions. He reports that the communists, constituting 8% of the world's population, are currently printing 20% of the world's books. The United States, with 6% of the world's population, prints only 3% of the world's books. Russians print more books in English than do the Americans, and the Bible has been supplanted by the works of Lenin as the "world's best seller." He states, further, that for sometime the only curriculum materials available on many of our mission fields have been edited and published by church groups away from basic Methodist interpretation of Christianity and its message.

The manager of Methopress in Argentina, reporting on a plan for a new editorial department, said, "The idea is in the kitchen cooking." Miss Doris Hess, Literature Consultant for the Board of Missions, reports that, though Methodist literature work overseas has gained something of value in the quadrennium now closing, at this stage of development, most of our literacy and literature service is still "in the kitchen cooking." This is indeed a mission frontier, which affects many other aspects of missionary endeavor, such as education, leadership development among nationals; new forms of communication; the challenge of the student world; Christian guidance for uprooted people and shifting populations; and training women for fuller participation in their own areas and in the world. In all of these new faces of "God's Work in Our Time," we are involved through our relationship to the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

For This Cause — Recruitment

No consideration of missions is complete unless it takes into account the missionary. The meaning of the term "mission field" may change; the dress, skill, and training of the missionary may change, but the purpose of both remains constant. In the words of the **Discipline of The Methodist Church**, "The supreme aim of missions is to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all peoples in all lands as their Divine Saviour, to persuade them to become His disciples, and to gather these disciples into Christian churches; to enlist them in the building of the Kingdom of God; to cooperate with these churches; to promote world Christian fellowship; and to bring to bear on all human life the spirit and principles of Christ." This aim cannot be realized without the work and witness of missionaries, at home and overseas.

From 1940 to September, 1963, 832 special term and regular missionaries have been sent out by the Woman's Division. In the 300 projects of the Department of Work in Home Fields, there are now employed 450 commissioned and special-term workers and 2,000 employed workers. This seems like a sizable missionary force, but it does not approximate the number needed to meet the requests or to fill the openings.

At our Annual Meeting last year, we gave special recognition to the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the Deaconess Movement. During the Anniversary year, 36 were accepted as Deaconess candidates, and 25 were commissioned. One of these accepted candidates is Miss Kathleen Gates of Pollock, Louisiana. I am happy to report that three other young women — all teachers at Sager-Brown School — have been commissioned as Deaconesses very recently. They are Misses Barbara Boultinghouse, Phoebe Reynolds, and Shirley Manning. You will have the opportunity of meeting and hearing them later in this meeting.

We rejoice that these young women have dedicated their lives to service in the Church, but our rejoicing is sobered when we realize that it took The Methodist Church, with more than 10,000,000 members from June, 1960, to September, 1963, to recruit 83 Deaconesses and thus exceed the anniversary goal of 75. However, it is our hope and prayer that this Deaconess "Anniversary Year can be viewed — as a 'seed time' rather than a harvest."

While I have spoken primarily of the Deaconess relationship, the motivation for missionary service, at home or overseas, is the same. The motive, says Dr. Tracy Jones, to act as a missionary is an everyday response to what Christ has done, and is doing, in the world, the Church, and in ourselves. Hear the testimony of some of our workers and judge whether or not this is a life worthy of your son or daughter, your grandson or granddaughter.

Dr. Roberta Rice writes from Korea: "How thankful I am for you who take your Christian responsibility in making it possible for me to be here, who prayerfully and regularly give the money which makes it possible to carry on the daily tasks of working — in Jesus' name."

Miss Lena Mae Rust, President of the South Central Jurisdiction Deaconess Association, said recently: "You pay me for doing what I 'have a ball' in doing. If I did not have to earn a living, I would pay you for letting me work in this relationship!"

Margaret Wade Campbell, our own Louisiana missionary to Mexico, says; "After seven and one-half years in Mexico, I still find it as intriguing, as colorful and every bit as challenging as it was the first day, when I 'woke up' in Monterrey — the opportunity to work with the Mexican Christians in the tasks of the Church here is a great privilege. We need more workers to share this privilege with us."

One woman, after years of service as a Deaconess said, "I set my foot in the service of the Lord." And Mr. Robert Reid, who is employed by the Woman's Division as a building consultant, said in his papers which he filled out preparatory to becoming a Home Missionary, "I feel in doing the work I do I am helping stretch the sacrificial dollars the women give."

Perhaps it can all be summed up in the words of Verna Webster Willis, Deaconess from Louisiana, who, with her husband, a Home Missionary, is serving at the Wesley Community House, Houston, Texas. She says she is a Deaconess today because all along the way she was encouraged, supported, loved, and nurtured in her desire to be a missionary — a desire which she gained at 12 years of age, after hearing a missionary speak. Neither her Church, her Family, her College Church, her Conference Woman's Society (then the Missionary Society), nor the Board of Missions failed her. "Best of all," says Mrs. Willis, "is the joy that will come to you as you let God redeem lives through your service to mankind."

For This Cause — The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary

When Methodist Union was consummated, in 1939, it had brought together three branches of Methodism into one great church. Within these three separate churches, were five women's organizations to be moulded into one. It is no wonder the brethren asked, "What are we going to do with the women in the new church?" Indeed, the women wondered what they would do with one another. What they did, of course, was to form the Woman's Society of Christian Service, which history records "was rich in heritages and incomparable in history." It was one of "the brethren," the late Dr. Roy L. Smith, who insisted that the Discipline of The Methodist Church carry the words, "There shall be a Woman's Society of Christian Service in every local Church."

Now, we are Twenty-five! Within the perspective of history, twenty-five years is not very long — comparable, perhaps, to the first few hours in the life of a new born Child. But twenty-five years is long enough to lay the foundations of a heritage. It is long enough to develop a program and establish methods of operation. It is long enough to have achieved some successes and to have made some mistakes. It is long enough to provide a backlog of experience on which to build a future.

"To build a future" — As we consider the next twenty-five year period, which is, as yet, "the future," the titles of the Program Books for the first year of the new Woman's Society and for the 1964-65 conference year seem almost prophetic. In 1940, the title was "Investing Our Heritage," for 1964-65, it will be "Summons to a New Age." In this Twenty-Fifth Anni-

versary year, we shall, indeed, be "investing our heritage" as we seek to serve the new age into which we are moving. It will not be our purpose to revel in our history, however noble and interesting, but rather to accept the challenge of a great heritage and to recognize, as Mrs. Tillman pointed out, that the most important thing about facts rooted in history is not what we have done but what those facts mean for the future.

During the launching year and in the year to follow, I hope each member of each Society and Guild will capture the radiance of the missionary imperative, which brought us into being. I hope that each group will, with faith and vision, plan for the future, accepting those changes which will inevitably come, but always conserving those values which have given strength to our organization and spiritual growth to our personal lives.

On January 19, of this year, in the launching day services, you were introduced to the Anniversary Goals. Though these goals will be interpreted in more detail at other times during this meeting, I should like to state them here:

1. Growth in Understanding and Spiritual Power
2. Increase in Knowledge of Needs in the World
3. Sharing through Witness and Service in the Outreach of the Church.

As we move toward the fulfillment of these goals, there are certain specific achievements we hope will be realized within the two and one-half year period of this observation:

1. In recruitment: one regular missionary; one short-term missionary; one deaconess or home missionary; one U. S. 2.
2. In membership: a 25% increase over the membership reported May 31, 1963.
3. In finances: a 25% increase in giving on pledge over that reported May 31, 1963.

These goals point us to a new commitment to the principles of Christian stewardship; to a more meaningful concept of membership in the Society and Guild; to a personal willingness to be used by God as worthy instruments for His call to service; and to a new depth in spiritual power.

For This Cause — Spiritual Renewal

In her booklet, *Mission by Royal Authority*, Suzanne de Dietrich writes: "Mission implies renewal; a deepening of our Christian foundations, of our common worship, of our prayer life, of our commitment. Mission also implies a new understanding of our world in a time of drastic change, when our ethical and social structures are challenged as never before. — Inner renewal must parallel outward action."

Throughout this conference year, Methodist women have been measuring their spiritual growth by the doctrine of Christian Perfection, as they have studied "An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics." There is no experience so uplifting and so humbling as that of discovering the spiritual heights to which some have climbed and to which they beckon us to follow. Perhaps we are inclined to say that it is more difficult to be Christian today than in other times in history, but I doubt that St. Paul, or Augustine, or Fenelon, or Martin Luther, or John Wesley would agree that being Christian was easier in their days than it is in ours. The only difference is that the challenge is up to us.

Today when we sang our theme hymn, we were praying for the Church. We said:

"May her lamp of truth be bright;
Bid her bear aloft its light
Through the realms of pagan night;
We beseech Thee, hear us.
May she holy triumphs win,
Overthrow the hosts of sin,
Gather all the nations in,
We beseech Thee, hear us."

Let us remember that we are the Church, and she will be no stronger, no better, no more influential, nor more Christ-like than we make her.

In the 1964 edition of *The Sanctuary*, Dr. Charles M. Crowre, the author, tells us that the use of road maps to help motorists on the highway started only 50 years ago. Until 1925, the highways were not marked or numbered with the familiar signs we know today. It all started in 1913, when an enterprising gas company mailed out 10,000 maps of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Today, 200,000,000 road maps are given away each year.

The use of road maps led to the erection of signs along streets, highways, and crossroads to guide the traveler and insure his safety. These are the signs of our times.

For Christians, says Dr. Crowre, there are signs much older than the road markers, to guide the Christian journeyman on his way. Some of them say, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap;" "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths;" "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also;" and "No man can serve two masters." Sometimes, like the motorists who cause accidents by ignoring the road signs, we Christians grow careless of the signs along our way, and our spiritual growth is injured or stopped altogether. The cause of spiritual renewal calls us today.

Conclusion

The story is told of an elevator boy who was whistling a merry tune as he carried his passengers to their floor.

"Why so happy?" inquired one grim-faced rider.

"Oh," said the boy, "I've never lived this day before!"

No, we have never lived this day before — nor in this kind of a world. But God is matching us against this hour," and we must choose the Cause we will serve.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. M. R. Tatum

Witness Through Service, the theme of the 1963-64 Program Book, has been related to the last phase of the current quadrennial emphasis: "The program that unites us in witness and service." The program book this year has followed the same plan as last year with four blocks of undated programs. A new section on "Worship Helps" has been included, which has been very helpful in program planning.

As the programs have been built around **Missions, The Role of the Christian Woman, Know Your Church, and Programs for Special Occasions**, the women have become more aware of the total program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Eight Districts reported, with Ruston District reporting 100%. Eighty-nine per cent of all the societies reported, showing an increase over last year. Sixty-two per cent of the societies have a Committee on Program. The Program Book is the most popular material used for programs, with the **Methodist Woman and World Outlook** next in order.

Special days observed were: Week of Prayer and Self-Denial (254), Thank Offering (44), United Nations Day (43), World Community Day (74), Day Apart (52), Human Rights Day (5), World Day of Prayer (174), May Fellowship (58).

One hundred twenty-nine societies report using audio-visual or visual aids. This is an increase. Five hundred twenty-three Study Courses were reported, with 238 Societies reporting action to grow out of study.

The World Federation of Methodist Women was presented by 196 Societies. Many ways were used to present the World Federation of Methodist Women, with articles from **The Methodist Woman** being the most widely used.

As we look forward to the new program book for 1964-65, **Summoned To A New Age**, let us strive to keep our program creative so our Heavenly Father can speak to and through us as we work in an effort to serve the people of the world.

Recommendations

To prepare for the changes to come that will call for new understanding of new needs, and new plans for new programs

We Recommend that each Vice-President:

1. Prepare through prayer and study to accept the changes brought about to strengthen the mission of the church and the Woman's Society.
2. Plan ways with other members of the Committee on Program of implementing the purpose and goals set forth, for the observance of the 25th Anniversary, January 19, 1964 through June, 1966.
3. At the Conference School of Missions, attend the study class, "Purpose and Program In A New Age," and be prepared, if called, to help with the District and/or Sub District Workshops. (The Conference Vice-President is expected to attend and act as chairman of the Planning Committee for the District and Sub District Workshops.)
4. Use available Woman's Division materials as resource for the interpretation of the total program of the Woman's Division.
5. Use the suggested program material "Summoned To A New Age" as an aid in planning timely programs that will stimulate, inform, and inspire to action every woman of the church.
6. Study and use modern teaching techniques when presenting programs.
7. Have at least four meetings of the Committee on Program of the local society to evaluate past programs and plan for the future.
8. Regard as a special trust the opportunity to strengthen Christian ties around the world by developing a sense of fellowship between the Woman's Society of Christian Service and members of other units of the World Federation of Methodist Women.
9. Consider promptness and accuracy in reporting as a necessary part of meeting the responsibilities of the office of vice-president.
10. Every member of the Committee on Program be ready to help the monthly Program Committee when needed.
11. Coordinate the dates of all program plans with the church calendar.

TREASURER

Mrs. Carl Gallaher

Financial Statement

Woman's Society of Christian Service, Louisiana Conference
May 20, 1963 — May 20, 1964

Explanation	Details	Amounts
Cash Balance, May 20, 1963:		
First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. Alexandria, La. — Supply Account	3,438.56	
First Federal Savings and Loan Assn. Alexandria, La. — Special Account	1,293.97	
Rapides Bldg. and Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.	3,000.00	
Whitney National Bank, New Orleans	<u>7,290.93</u>	
Total		15,023.46

Explanation		Details	Amounts
Brought Forward			15,023.46
Receipts:			
Districts:	Pledged	Paid	
Alexandria	11,714.00	11,583.05	
Baton Rouge	20,293.00	20,751.13	
Lafayette	10,605.00	10,867.67	
Lake Charles	15,000.00	16,037.93	
Monroe	16,502.00	15,434.76	
New Orleans	17,016.00	18,189.61	
Ruston	13,650.00	13,998.90	
Shreveport	29,676.00	27,966.62	
Totals	<u>134,456.00</u>		134,829.67
Collections and Offerings:			
Conference:			
Woman's Society School of Missions		255.10	
Woman's Society collections from Annual Meeting		327.12	
Collections from Guild Week End		88.07	
Guild Corsages for Missions		103.00	
Collection — Guild Annual Meetings		<u>213.70</u>	
Total			986.99
Total Pledge to Missions			<u>135,816.66</u>
Children's Fund	46.66		
Youth Fund (sent Direct to New York)		<u>3,812.79</u>	3,859.45
Total on Appropriations			<u>139,676.11</u>
Other:			
Supply Work	20,456.75		
Call to Prayer	7,696.78		
Supplementary	262.31		
La. Moral and Civic Foundation	<u>1,821.30</u>		
Total			30,237.14
			<u>169,913.25</u>
Transient Funds			2,314.95
Total			<u>172,228.20</u>
Returns to Cultivation:			
Refunds:			
Conference News	39.81		
Jurisdiction Meeting	95.00		
1963 Tour	390.00		
Human Relations Meeting	155.05		
School of Missions	50.96		
Annual Meeting	2.50		
Christian Vocations Meeting	28.70		
Missionary Education Fund	250.00		
Literature	.30		
School of Missions	.30		
Service Books Sold	23.30		
Leadership Books Sold	16.45		
Annual Reports Sold	24.75		
Special Gift	25.00		
Collections Guild Week End	176.55		
Collections Guild Annual Meeting —			
Registration and meals	470.00		
Profit on Literature, W.S.C.S.	134.57		

Explanation		Details	Amounts
Brought Forward		172,228.20	15,023.46
Profit on Literature, Guild	40.83		
Dividend --- Rapides Bldg. and Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.	127.50		
Dividend --- First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.	203.21		
Bank Exchange Charge	24.80	2,279.58	174,507.78
Total to be accounted for			189,531.24
Disbursements:			
W.S.C.S.:			
Pledge	88,065.13		
Memberships	8,530.00		
My World Bank	2,930.31		
In Remembrance	925.75		
Result of Study	1,337.71		
Honoring Retiring Officers	1,596.12		
In Honor Gifts	188.21		
Christmas and Thank Offerings	55.65		
Conference:			
Honorary Memberships	200.00		
Special Memberships	75.00		
In Remembrance Gift	5.00		
Collections, School of Missions	255.10		
Collections, Annual Meeting	327.12		
Total		104,491.10	
Guild:			
Pledge	15,174.68		
Memberships	2,070.00		
My World Bank	302.81		
In Remembrance	74.15		
Result of Study	328.20		
Lela Norris Scholarship	20.00		
Special Offering	71.10		
Special Membership (Sent direct to New York)	25.00		
Conference:			
Honorary Memberships	200.00		
Special Membership	25.00		
Collection, Guild Week End	63.07		
Corsages for Missions	103.00		
Collections, Guild Annual Meeting	213.70		
Total		18,670.71	
Total paid on Pledge		123,161.81	189,531.24
Children's Fund	46.66		
Youth Fund Sent Direct to New York	3,812.79	3,859.45	
Supply Work:			
W.S.C.S.	17,836.73		
Guild	2,620.02	20,456.75	
Call to Prayer:			
W.S.C.S.	6,246.81		
Guild	1,431.97	7,696.78	
Supplementary:			
W.S.C.S.	212.31		
Guild	50.00	262.31	
Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation		1,821.30	
Transient Funds		2,314.95	
Total		159,573.35	

Explanation		Details	Amounts
Brought Forward		159,573.35	189,531.24
Conference Cultivation:	Budgeted	Disbursed	
Officers' Expense	1,400.00	830.68	
Annual Meeting	1,500.00	1,455.55	
Annual Report	1,400.00	1,234.93	
Mid-Year Exec. Meeting	250.00	172.74	
Jurisdiction:			
Annual Meeting	750.00	779.62	
School of Missions	650.00	466.17	
Cultivation	700.00	797.50	
Conference:			
School of Missions	1,300.00	1,220.97	
Youth Director	600.00	600.00	
News	625.00	364.95	
Christian Social Relations	300.00	460.40	
Christian Vocations	200.00	25.00	
Cooperative Meetings	500.00	467.04	
Miscellaneous	675.00	193.93	
Tour	300.00	50.00	
Woman's Division	70.00	66.50	
Guild	1,800.00	1,627.98	
Totals	<u>13,020.00</u>	<u>10,813.96</u>	

Other:

Church and Community Worker	1,020.00		
District Advisory Committee	40.56		
Tour	750.00		
Meeting — Minneapolis	50.00		
Christian Vocations Meeting	120.00		
Jurisdiction Exec. Council Meeting	130.00		
Gift, Church Center, United Nations	100.00		
Human Relations Meeting	180.00		
Literature	71.17		
Recruitment	190.00		
National Convocation for Youth	30.00		
Bank Charge	5.15		
Total	<u>2,686.88</u>	<u>13,500.84</u>	<u>173,074.19</u>
Balance, May 20, 1964			<u>16,457.05</u>

Distributed as Follows:

First Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Alexandria, La. — Supply Account	3,586.22	
First Federal Savings and Loan Assn., Alexandria, La. — Special Account	1,349.52	
Rapides Bldg. and Loan Assn., Alexandria, La.	3,000.00	
Whitney National Bank, New Orleans, La.	8,521.31	
Total		<u>16,457.05</u>

Accountant's Opinion

I have examined the Statement of Cash and Fund Balances and the Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service for the period from May 20, 1963 through May 20, 1964. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the cash and fund balances as of May 20, 1964 and cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended.

My examination also comprehended the supplemental schedules of Receipts from Districts, Conference Cultivation Fund and Payments on Pledge to Woman's Division of Christian Service for the same period, and, in my opinion, such supplemental schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements, present fairly in all material respects the information shown therein.

J. LOUIS FORD

June 12, 1964

Certified Public Accountant

Recommendations

The Committee on Finance makes the following recommendations:

1. That the 1964-1965 Pledge to Missions be ----- \$138,610.00
 That the 1964-1965 Conference Budget be ----- 13,020.00
\$151,630.00

2. That the Districts' pledges to Conference be as follows:

Alexandria -----	\$ 12,828.00
Baton Rouge -----	23,555.00
Lafayette -----	12,153.00
Lake Charles -----	18,017.00
Monroe -----	17,880.00
New Orleans -----	19,601.00
Ruston -----	15,543.00
Shreveport -----	32,053.00
	\$151,630.00

3. That the Conference Budget for 1964-1965 be as follows:

Officers' Expenses -----	\$ 1,400.00
Annual Meeting -----	1,500.00
Annual Report -----	1,400.00
Mid-Year Executive Meeting -----	250.00
Jurisdiction Meeting -----	750.00
Conference School of Missions -----	1,300.00
Jurisdiction School of Missions -----	650.00
Christian Social Relations -----	300.00
Christian Vocations -----	200.00
Conference Youth Director -----	600.00
Cooperative Meetings -----	450.00
Jurisdiction Cultivation -----	850.00
Division Cultivation -----	80.00
Miscellaneous -----	565.00
Conference News -----	625.00
Tour -----	300.00
Guild -----	1,800.00
	\$ 13,020.00

4. That the Conference society request permission from the Woman's Division of Christian Service to make a supplementary gift \$3300.00 toward the 1964-65 salary of Mrs. Martha Overbey.
5. That the \$220.00 held as surplus in the Conference Missionary Educational Seminar fund be used, if necessary, to supplement the gift for payment of the 1964-65 salary of Mrs. Martha Overbey.
6. That \$1,020.00, which was used for travel and supply expense for Mrs. Martha Overbey in the 1962-63 Conference year and which was paid from Conference Cultivation, be refunded to Cultivation from the Special Supply fund and applied, if necessary, on the supplementary gift for the 1964-65 salary of Mrs. Martha Overbey.
7. That \$150.00 from the Miscellaneous fund be used to finance an Orientation Day for Conference officers in the Spring of 1964.
8. That a Love Gift of \$25.00 be given to the Reverend Barry Bailey in appreciation of his inspirational leadership during the Spiritual Life Retreat for the Conference Executive Committee.

9. That, in case we have workers from Louisiana invited to the Annual Meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Woman's Society, two-thirds of their expenses be provided by this Conference Society.
10. That the \$390.00 refund from the 1963 Missions Tour be made available for the 1964 Tour should one be held.
11. That an amount up to \$50.00 be allowed for use in the Districts, if needed, to supply the Special Mission Banks for local societies.
12. That we add \$300.00 from the 1962-63 surplus in the Conference Cultivation fund to the Recruitment fund.
13. That we send \$100.00 from the Conference Cultivation fund, as a gift, for inclusion in the tribute to Mrs. J. Fount Tillman to complete and furnish the Chapel at the Church Center for the United Nations.
14. That every Treasurer help to make "Pledge" come alive to every member of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild by lifting up projects of the Woman's Division and the unmet needs.
15. That every Treasurer take advantage of all training opportunities such as Clinics, Officer Training Days, Schools of Missions and District and Conference Annual Meetings.
16. That all ceremonials (that is, Pledge Services, Special Day Offerings, etc.) be worshipful, to the end that all giving may become a spiritual experience.
17. That each District strive for a 25% increase in Pledge Giving by 1966, the increase to be based on the amount paid on Pledge in 1962-63.
18. That the Secretary of Youth Work attend the Regional Stewardship Seminar to be held in Dallas in September, 1964, and that the expense be paid by the Conference.
19. That each of the youth attending the National Convocation of Methodist Youth to be held July 27-31, 1964, at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana be allowed \$5.00 to apply on travel, Louisiana quota being 44 youths.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Geo. H. Thomas

The **Twenty-Third Annual Report** of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild was dedicated to the Deaconesses of Louisiana, active and retired, on their Seventy-fifth Anniversary, in grateful appreciation of their service. Eight hundred fifty copies, each having 146 pages, were printed at a cost of \$1,234.93. Seven hundred fifty clasp envelopes, imprinted with return address, cost \$17.66. At a rate of four cents per book (twelve cents for four mailed overseas) the cost of mailing 716 books was \$28.80. Extra copies were distributed to each district for sale in the literature room at fall seminars or for use in the district.

As I make this report, work in editing the Annual Report for my final year of service as Conference recording secretary is well under way. Each year for the last four years (including this one) the late spring and summer activity of the recording secretary has been the work on the Annual Report, requiring much time during the months of May, June, and July in compiling and editing material, proofreading printer's copy, climaxed by the excitement of receiving the completed books from the printer and getting over 700 of them in the mail before Conference School of Missions. For the remainder of the year, sending out the call letter in September for the mid-year meeting of the Executive Committee, recording minutes of this meeting, preparing and sending out almost five hundred call letters in January for the Annual Meeting, and writing the journal for the spring meeting of the Executive Committee and for the Annual Meeting have been the chief activities of the recording secretary — this year, as well as throughout her term of office.

Though the responsibilities of this office are heavy, they have been made lighter by the kind and thoughtful cooperation of conference and district officers, the Committee on Annual Report, and the invaluable assistance of friends. The warmth and joy of fellowship and love that come through serving are never to be forgotten. It has been a privilege to serve.

Recommendations

It is recommended that each recording secretary:

1. Keep an accurate roll of the membership of the Society.
2. Maintain an up-to-date list of Special Memberships.
3. Have on file the permanent record of charter members.
4. Keep available a listing of all standing rules of the society, with a notation of the date each standing rule is accepted.
5. Record minutes accurately as to time, date (including both month and year), place, type of meeting, and complete names of persons involved, using correct terminology. (Remember this will be the recorded history of the society.)
6. Assist the president in preparing the agenda for each meeting.
7. Maintain a procedural file of the tools, materials, and information necessary in this office to pass on to her successor.
8. Study the constitution, bylaws, and standing rules of the society as found in *Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division of Christian Service* and in the *Twenty-Fourth Annual Report of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society*.
9. Study and use *A Guide, The Methodist Woman*, and a book on parliamentary procedure — *Roberts' Rules of Order*.
10. Take advantage of all training opportunities in the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

CHILDREN'S WORK

Mrs. S. B. Dampier, Secretary

Prepare today for our work tomorrow has been the thought of Children's Workers throughout Louisiana this year. The Secretaries of Children's Work have worked with the Area Council to present the new Curriculum for Methodist Children to the entire Conference. Meetings were held in each District and interest was shown by a large group attending each meeting.

There has been an increase in the churches having the Mission Units in Additional Sessions of their Church School. Also, an increase in the offering sent through the Children's Service Fund has been noticed. More workers are becoming aware of training institutes and are realizing the importance of attending these.

Let us each remember that the Children we teach today will be our leaders tomorrow. With God's help let us strive to make tomorrow's leaders more aware of the mission needs at home and around the world.

Recommendations

It is time to evaluate our work with children and look forward to another year. These recommendations are again prayerfully submitted for your consideration and use in the year 1964-65.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT —

1. A qualified person be elected as secretary of children's work in each local society. (Where there are children in the church, regardless of size.)
2. A job analysis be given to each secretary which includes the importance of officer's training day — reading and using information published in booklets, leaflets, also the periodicals "Child Guidance," "Methodist Woman," and "World Outlook," attendance and report at the executive meetings.

3. We continue working in cooperation with the Board of Education in promoting all work with children, stressing the value of a working council of children's workers in each local church.
4. We participate in workshops, literature seminars, institutes, coaching conferences, or in any type of meeting in regard to the new curriculum, giving special attention to additional sessions and the missionary education of children.
5. We interpret the Children's Service Fund and Remittance Blank, explaining the value of sending additional session offerings through proper channels, and of giving to approved projects listed in our material.
6. We take advantage of the training opportunities on all levels, take part in leadership schools and become accredited to teach courses.
7. We continue to urge each society to send in a report on children's work.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

Mrs. J. B. Mouton, Sr., Secretary

This is the final report for the Department of Christian Social Relations for the 1960-64 Quadrennium. It will be well for us to evaluate any progress made during these four years to see whether or not there has been any advance in specific areas: greater understanding achieved, attitudes changed and service rendered — whether, indeed, we have deepened spiritually and become closer followers of the Christ.

Every district reports much activity in social service, both in and out of the church. Our women assume a big share in the promotion and support of Homes and Hospitals services, welfare projects, P.T.A., alcohol education in schools and youth groups, juvenile councils, detention homes, church institutions, Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, United Church Women, projects of Louisiana Organization for State Legislation and a growing awareness of citizenship responsibility.

The Department has cooperated with the Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns. Two United Nations workshops were held, one in Shreveport and one in Baton Rouge sponsored by the University Methodist Church. These were very fine experiences and provided a source of information in this area of controversy.

Legislation has been of chief concern and the women were urged to talk and write to their legislators on current issues. Several citizenship meetings were held when candidates for office were presented.

During the days of tension in areas of school integration and public facilities, support was given by individual members and pastors. The Society as a group has been slow to speak out and support such issues as Civil Rights, United Nations, Church and State Relations, rulings of the Supreme Court. Has this been lack of courage or knowledge or commitment?

This conference was asked to study and accept as soon as possible the Charter of Racial Policies beginning with the Executive Committee. The Charter was presented and the plea made but no action has been taken. It was desired that acceptance be deferred until it could be sincere action. Several local societies have reported studying the Charter.

Issues have arisen from time to time in the Department and it has met these problems with information, guidance and a sincere attempt at understanding. Communication has been established and progress made in the ability to discuss differences and find a common ground of acceptance.

The Secretary has served on all boards to which she has been assigned; attended Jurisdiction School of Missions and The National Seminar on Christian Social Relations in Tacoma, Washington, in August of 1963; accepted office in United Church Women, attended their Annual Meeting and was selected as the person from Louisiana to attend the United Nations Workshop in New York in June.

Whatever progress has been made, there is still a long hard pull ahead. Credit and appreciation are given to the faithful dedicated women of the Louisiana Conference who have made such a tremendous witness to the responsibility of the Church. Christian Social Relations is concern for all people in every area of life and Jesus has commanded us to "**Love one another and our neighbor as ourselves.**" Nothing less than this is good enough; we must want for every man what we want for ourselves and be willing to work for it. Only this will bring about any semblance of peace and stability and can come only through Christian Concern and dedication to the will of God.

It is fervently and sincerely hoped that we will build on whatever good has been accomplished and go forward in the footsteps of Jesus to build a better world for all God's Children.

Financial Statement — Christian Social Relations

Balance on hand, June 1, 1963	\$ 75.65
Bank Deposit	100.00
	<u>\$175.65</u>
Disbursements:	
Delegate to Briefing Conference	\$ 35.00
Louisiana Organization for State Legislation — Dues	25.00
Transportation and expense of two meetings of Louisiana Organization for State Legislation	27.25
Transportation to meeting of Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns	6.75
Expense to Annual Meeting of United Church Women	16.61
Mailing Expense	10.00
Telephone	1.40
Total Disbursements	<u>\$122.01</u>
On hand May 30, 1964	\$ 53.64
Check to Conference Treasurer	53.64
On hand June 1, 1964	<u>\$ 00.00</u>

Recommendations

Recognizing the fact that the world is moving toward solutions to issues which will influence World Peace and National Security, Methodist Women are challenged to a progressive program of study of these issues followed by opinion dedicated to action according to THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS.

To assist in mapping out such programs the Department of Christian Social Relations offers these recommendations:

1. The section in **The Methodist Woman** contributed by the Department of Christian Social Relations to be used for information and possible guidance.
2. The new study guide on "Methodist Social Thought and Action" prepared by Dr. Georgia Harkness be widely publicized for use in local churches. Available from Methodist Publishing House.
3. The responsibility of Christian Citizenship be emphasized during this election year by study of the following resources:
 - (a) "Christian Responsibility in 1964."
 - (b) Issues in Election Year. To be interpreted through **Methodist Woman Concern**, etc.
 - (c) New leaflet on Citizenship Brunches.
 - (d) National Seminar Report. Section on Political Responsibility.
 - (e) January **Methodist Woman** for legislative issues.
 - (f) United States' Foreign Policy.

4. Study of the Charter of Racial Policies and the new Civil Rights Bill with growing acceptance and implementation in cooperation with the Board of Christian Social Concerns, United Church Women, civic organizations and civil authority. To commit ourselves as individuals called by Jesus Christ to witness by word and deed to the basic rights of every person regardless of cost, in effecting a peaceful transition of an old way of life to a new as encompassed in the Civil Rights Bill.
5. The Louisiana Conference Woman's Society request the Woman's Division to hold one of the proposed Pilot Workshops for training district Christian Social Relations leaders with special emphasis on "ways of meeting controversy," in Louisiana.
6. A special United Nations emphasis during 1964 with major concern directed toward meeting with positive programs the current attacks on United Nations and it's Agencies, namely UNICEF and other U.N. programs that have been primary concerns of Methodist women.
7. Attention be called to the U.N. Seminar plan for World's Fair visitors and General Conference delegates. One and two day Seminars will be held, tentatively, beginning May 11 through July 20, 1964.

LITERATURE

Mrs. Warren M. Orr

"O, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise!" He has allowed me to behold an upward trend in reporting and in subscriptions to **The Methodist Woman** and the **World Outlook** at the end of my term of office. I go out in "Orr-bit" with the bells of hope ringing again.

Reports show that personal contacts, caring, and sharing of magazine contents have enlisted new subscribers. But they also show that only half of the secretaries subscribe to both magazines. It is suggested that societies pay for combination subscriptions to secretaries of program materials (the new name for secretary of literature), whose responsibility is to promote materials that make purpose and program come alive. Perhaps societies would go another step and give a combination subscription to the church library for the use of all organizations of the church. What we read does make a difference. We should be sure it is Christian literature. Every member of the church would benefit by subscriptions to these magazines, if read. **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook** bring late information, too new for a book.

To keep the congregation alert to the good news of missions in our great Methodist Church, articles should be written in church newspapers; attractive posters made with covers of current issues of our magazines, which are free for ordering, as well as copies of both magazines may be kept in the church literature rack and distributed in visits to new members; eye-catching place mats made from covers of the magazines may be used at luncheons. A feather in the cap of every district and local secretary of program materials who will keep open the channel of communication from the Division to the local members!

Even the Secretary of Literature had to read **The Methodist Woman** to learn that her new title was Secretary of Program Materials. Literature Headquarters now proudly displays on the front of the building the new name, Service Center. It is now the distribution center of all materials and filmstrips for the Board of Missions.

Literature is our life line! **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook** are planned to implement each other more cooperatively in the future and thus be more beneficial to every church member. **The Methodist Woman**

will continue to be the medium of exchange, reminding members the societies and guilds are not isolated units, but a bond relating all to a great organization. The strength of that organization is in direct proportion to the circulation and use of its monthly publications to enrich programs. The staff welcomes your suggestions to strengthen and interpret more effectively the great work in which we believe.

An energetic, understanding, committed Christian woman, who loves Christ and His Church and is serious about God's work in our time, knows that she must take time to be holy. Along with the Bible, devotional books, study books, free leaflets, and organizational materials, which can be obtained from the Service Center, and the May and June issues of **The Methodist Woman** should be pray-ed reading, as well as the new Program Book entitled **Summoned to a New Age**. Pausing to thank God for new insights and listening for His message, a "Methodist woman with a world outlook," concerned and sensitive to the Holy Spirit, can change the world.

Recommendations

WE RECOMMEND THAT:

1. Every Society elect a Secretary of Program Materials (formerly Secretary of Literature) or assign her duties to some officer. She should use the Subscription Record Book with its Account Number; keep an accurate and up-to-date notebook of her activities to help her report fully and On Time; dedicate herself to know contents of current Annual Reports of Woman's Division and Louisiana Conference, and share, so members will be informed of the scope of work of Woman's Division.
2. All Secretaries of Program Materials (local, district and conference) should: Recognize her problem is to get **WOMEN TO READ** our excellent Literature.
 - a. Own and read a combination subscription to **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook**; Study carefully the back page of **The Methodist Woman** for new materials and advise officers of these materials.
 - b. Recognize and accept the Importance of her task, for Literature undergirds the entire program of the Woman's Society.
 - c. Study and restudy the Handbook, the page on Program Materials in **The Methodist Woman** and the Evaluation Reports.
 - d. Constantly work for new and renewal subscriptions to **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook**, with emphasis on special drives and promotion efforts.
 - e. Prepare and send the November and May Reports **ON TIME**.
3. **SPECIAL** duties of District Secretaries of Program Materials include:
 - a. Full responsibility for ordering, displaying and selling Literature at Seminars and Annual Meetings.
 - b. Study and analyze each report and send suggestions for improvements.
4. Special duties for the local Secretary of Program Materials include:
 - a. Prompt handling and distribution of any materials sent the society through her.
 - b. Making herself an invaluable asset to the Program Committee of which she is a member, and encouraging her society to include in their budget an amount for literature.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Secretary

With much regret I make my last report to you of your fine work in Missionary Education of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild. This report would not be complete without expressing personal appreciation for the fine work and cooperation of the District Secretaries.

A total of 899 approved study classes were held this year: 322 of them received Jurisdiction Recognition; 16 Efficiency; 561 did not meet either Jurisdiction or Efficiency standards. The total enrolled membership in these classes was 11,330. Even more gratifying were the complete reports showing the wonderful attendance and the splendid definite results growing out of the classes. In the Church-wide studies which are increasing each year, 970 were enrolled.

Nine Educational Seminars were held in 1963: Woman Society of Christian Service, 8, Wesleyan Service Guild, 1. The total number of persons attending Seminars was 1,413; the number of societies represented was 239.

Much of this progress is due to the large number who took advantage of the training at Schools of Missions, Educational Seminars, Zone and officers training meetings.

Jurisdiction Recognition by Districts, 1963-1964

District	WSCS	WSG	Total
Alexandria	43	10	53
Baton Rouge	43	17	60
Lafayette	23	4	27
Lake Charles	25	10	35
Monroe	11	13	24
New Orleans	32	8	40
Ruston	31	9	40
Shreveport	31	12	43
	239	83	322

Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr., and Mrs. C. G. Mainous begin this year as Woman's Society Secretary and Guild Chairman of Missionary Education. Will you not pledge them your best missionary education year? The framework and policies change, but never the purpose of our great organization.

Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1964:

1. That each district give careful attention to the number of secretaries of Missionary Education as compared with the number reporting.
2. That district secretaries interpret more fully the report blank stressing the value of its correctness and punctuality.
3. That plans for the implementation of the above recommendations be determined by each district.
4. That intensive study be made of new trends in Missionary Education by use of (1) New Handbook and Guide, 1964-68, (2) Unified Study Material, (3) Report Blanks, (4) Directives relating to the 1964 District Workshop, (5) The Methodist Woman.
5. That district and local secretaries of Missionary Education enroll in the study course "Purpose and Program in the New Age" to be offered in the School of Missions.
6. That continued emphasis be placed on the quality of work done by study groups with each district striving for an increase in number of classes meeting the Jurisdiction Recognition Standard.
7. That the secretary of Missionary Education understand her responsibility in relation to the chairman of Missionary Education (Wesleyan Service Guild) and the secretary of Missionary Service (Woman's Society).

8. That full cooperation be given the Commission on Missions in planning for an effective presentation of the Churchwide Study, and that other studies be taken on a churchwide basis when feasible.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Approved Study Courses, 1964-65: (1) The Church Among New Nations, (2) Spanish Americans, (3) The United States' Responsibility in the World of New Nations, (4) Genesis, (5) Purpose and Program in a New Age, (6) Churchwide Study—Spanish Speaking Americans, Text: Spanish Doorways — a symposium.

"The first four courses are to be offered for approved study in the local Society and Guild. The first three are to be given for credit in the School of Missions, while the fourth is to form the basis for the Bible Study in the School of Missions. The fifth course is to be offered for credit in the School of Missions ONLY. The Churchwide study may receive credit in the local societies when it is offered on a churchwide basis." Quote Miss Brattain, Secretary of Missionary Education, Woman's Division of Christian Service.

MISSIONARY PERSONNEL

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Secretary

The urgent need for trained, dedicated missionary personnel on strategic frontiers, as well as the need of each individual to find fulfillment in vocation, give impetus to the 25th Anniversary Goal of Recruitment. This goal is that each conference make a concentrated effort to secure one regular worker for foreign service, one deaconess, one special term foreign worker, and one US-2 to be commissioned at the Annual Meeting in 1965. To reach this goal in the Louisiana Conference will require prayerful concern and effort.

Several projects have given emphasis to church-related vocations within the past year. The Christian Vocations Week-End in Kansas City, Missouri, was attended by two Centenary College students, Miss Carol Wood and Miss Betty Ann Vickers. The full quota of young people attended the Missionary Conference at Mt. Sequoyah. Twenty-four girls from throughout the state attended the Louisiana Conference School of Missions, sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and heard an inspiring account of the mission tour sponsored by the Louisiana Conference. This second tour under the leadership of Miss Louise Sharp was conducted to provide first-hand experiences in projects and mission stations sponsored by the Methodist Church. The tour for the summer of 1964 will be throughout Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma and will give special emphasis to work among the Latin Americans of Texas and the Indians of Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham of Baton Rouge will serve as directors of this tour. Those young people who have participated in the Mission Tours have been thrilled as they have seen the scope and magnitude of the work of the church.

The Secretaries of Youth and Student Work and Missionary Personnel cooperated in planning the Youth Dinner held at the 1964 Annual Meeting in Lafayette. Of particular interest at this dinner was a panel discussion on recruitment. Participating in this were Misses Barbara Boultinghouse, Phoebe Reynolds, and Shirley Manning, newly commissioned deaconesses who are teaching at Sager-Brown School; Misses Judith Doyle and Jeanette Marks, US-2's who are also teaching at Sager-Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Lipscomb, students at LSU Medical School; and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Chairman of the Conference Commission on Christian Vocations. Over five hundred youth and adults heard these young people discuss their preparation for and interest in church-related vocations.

There has been a slight increase in names received of young people who have indicated an interest in church-related vocations. The forwarding of these names is most important. Let us continue to strive to be channels of information and inspiration to those whom God calls to service.

Recommendations

Since the need for trained, dedicated leadership continues to be urgent, it is recommended:

1. That each conference make a concentrated effort to reach the 25th Anniversary goal of one regular worker for foreign service, one deaconess, one special term foreign worker, and one US-2 to be commissioned at the Annual Meeting in 1965.
2. That special efforts be made to interest the professionally qualified woman in a church related vocation in order that urgent needs may be met without delay.
3. That each member of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild seek, first of all, to be a witness in Christian living so that her life may be a challenge for Christian service to youth and that in daily meditation and prayer she seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very important task of recruitment.
4. That, wherever possible, missionaries, deaconesses, and special term workers be itinerated for local, district, and conference meetings to present the work of the fields.
5. That Secretaries of Missionary Personnel on all levels make themselves thoroughly familiar with materials on Christian Vocations, know the requirements and qualifications for church related service, and have adequate information regarding scholarships and loans.
6. That Secretaries of Missionary Personnel cooperate with Secretaries of Youth Work and Student Work at all levels in presenting the philosophy, challenge, needs and opportunities of Christian service to parents, to youth, to students, and to young adults.
7. That the Secretaries of Missionary Personnel cooperate fully with their Conference Commission on Christian Vocations that the program of recruitment may be strengthened and extended in each conference. It is desirable that in addition to district career conferences for high school young people and conference wide for college students, special opportunities for guidance be made possible for Junior and Senior College Students who have made a commitment for full-time service to the church.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke, Secretary

This has been a rewarding year for us, who are so keenly interested in missions. This year (1963) we celebrated the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of deaconess work in the United States. The work done by deaconesses in various fields was pointed up, so we feel that women in the local societies throughout the conference have become informed and appreciative of these dedicated women.

Ten deaconesses are working in Louisiana Conference. Three were recently commissioned (Phoebe Reynolds, Barbara Boultinghouse, Shirley Manning). There are four deaconesses from Louisiana working in other conferences. Two U.S. 2's are teaching at Sager-Brown. The Conference has twenty-five contract workers serving under the Woman's Division. Four deaconesses and two missionaries are on the retired list.

Four missionaries from our conference are on foreign fields. Miss Elma Ashby, who has been on furlough this year, returned to Southern Rhodesia in December, 1963. Dr. Vela Cleveland, who was also home on furlough, came to Annual Meeting in Lafayette and shared some of her experiences with us. She returned to India in April, 1964. Margaret Wade Campbell is serving in Mexico. Doretha Brown will soon be coming home from Liberia, Africa.

We, throughout the conference, have attempted to keep in touch with our workers on birthdays, Christmas and Easter, with cards of greetings, to make them aware of our love and concern for them and their work.

One hundred seventy-seven cards and letters have been sent from this office this year.

Recommendations

In accepting the task of every Christian, "Our Mission Today" in this last year of the quadrennium, one of the great needs is to know our workers, (missionaries, deaconesses and contract). Know the institutions and mission stations in which they serve.

For the local and district secretaries of Missionary Education and SERVICE: We recommend that you:

1. Study the **Twenty-Fourth Annual Report**, "Do you Know" booklets, (Home and Foreign) **Prayer Calendar**, **Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook**.
2. As secretary of Missionary Education and SERVICE, be in on all program planning for presentation of workers and their fields of service.
3. Use furloughed and retired Missionaries, active and retired deaconesses more widely and effectively.
4. Keep in touch with our workers through special greetings, personal notes, devotional material.
5. Use invaluable missionary information with skits, posters, maps, charts, slides, scrapbooks, excerpts in Church bulletins and the Missionary Minute.
6. Share the responsibility of discovering and cultivating new recruits with the secretary of Missionary Personnel to help meet the goal, of the 25th Anniversary, for new missionaries.
7. Encourage the use of the Prayer Calendar to undergird all workers and their work and make the urgent need for more workers paramount in your petitions.

PROMOTION

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Secretary

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Organization	Alexandria	Baton Rouge	Lafayette	Lake Charles	Monroe	New Orleans	Ruston	Shreveport	Conference Totals
No. Societies	37	51	32	30	47	37	39	45	318
No. Reporting	33	41	32	30	32	37	39	45	289
100% Reporting			1,2	1,2		2	1,2	1,2	56%
No. Unorganized Churches	30	21	3	5	7	4	33	14	117
Membership									
W.S.C.S.	996	2104	1179	1411	1419	1802	1447	2607	12965
District									
Members	38	0	12	0	11	1	3	2	67
No. Units WSG	11	17	7	13	16	14	11	16	105
No. Reporting	10	15	7	12	14	12	11	11	92
Membership									
W.S.G.	210	283	146	230	263	247	270	268	1917
Total Adult									
Membership	1244	2387	1337	1641	1693	2050	1720	2877	14949
No. Societies:									
Represented at									
Ann. Meeting	17	22	26	20	17	18	9	18	147
Pledge Serv.	22	35	32	29	24	33	31	36	242
Officer Train.	4	21	5	8	3	4	8	21	74
Joint Meeting with WSG	5	5	5	9	5	9	8	8	54

Conference Totals for Years	1962-63	1963-64	Net Gain
No. Societies -----	326	318	-8
No. Unorganized Churches -----	77	117	-40
District Members -----	117	67	-50
Total W.S.C.S. Membership -----	13290	12965	-325
No. W.S.G. Units -----	107	105	-2
Membership, W.S.G. -----	1933	1917	-16

It is with a feeling of sadness that I write this — sad because it is my last report to you as secretary of promotion and sadder still because of the statistical decline of our Woman's Society. My first report at the beginning of this quadrennium showed 334 societies with 13704 members. This report shows 318 societies with only 12965 members.

In spite of the above figures the conference shows a net gain of 119 new members since the November report as a result of the intensive visitation program carried out this period. In September a **Primer of the Work of the Woman's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild** was sent to local societies and guilds for the members to study to learn more of the total program of the Woman's Division. Then the members tried to contact every Methodist woman and invite every one into membership in the Woman's Society or Guild with the resulting increase mentioned above. This visitation program is to be a continuing project to keep the Woman's Society before the women of the church.

Plans are being made for the itineration of Miss Maryruth Nickels, a field worker for the Woman's Division, during the month of October. Miss Nickels will counsel with different groups — church leaders, executive committees, pastors, etc. — to help promote the total program of the Woman's Society and Guild and try to help solve problems in various churches that are affecting membership and help us go forward in seeking to fulfill the purpose of our organization.

In nearly every church special observance was made to launch the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The Societies accepted the challenge of working towards the goals set for this two and a half year celebration — a 25% increase in membership, and a 25% increase in pledge with a recruitment goal of 4 new workers.

The districts have spent a busy year. All of them reported excellent seminars and zone meetings. The Monroe district incorporated the **Exploration Groups** idea from the Annual Meeting into its meetings with much success in helping answer questions of the local women. The Baton Rouge district conducted an in-state tour for its young people in addition to the conference sponsored tour. The New Orleans and Shreveport districts held Christian Vocations clinics. The Lafayette district worked many hours to make our Annual Meeting a memorable one. Lake Charles district held a district wide day apart to help deepen the spiritual life of the women. Lafayette, Ruston, Lake Charles and Baton Rouge districts were pleased with the amount they overpaid on pledge. Shreveport, Ruston, Lafayette, and Lake Charles reported 100% for both periods with the Shreveport district maintaining its record of 100% reporting since organization of the district.

Dedicated district officers work unceasingly to strengthen the local societies by aiding in officer training, visiting, promoting closer cooperation between Woman's Societies and Guilds and in many other ways to further the program of missions.

Recommendations

IT IS RECOMMENDED:

1. That a society in every church be our goal.
2. That larger societies seek to strengthen and encourage the small societies by visits, letters, and sharing materials and literature.
3. That cultivation of District Members be continued in places where organization of a society or guild is not feasible.

4. That societies seek every opportunity to keep members informed, encouraging use of all handbooks and promotional materials, including **The Methodist Woman**.
5. That Officer Training Days be held in each local society.
6. That members be encouraged to avail themselves of training opportunities which may be held in District, Zone, and Conference meetings, schools or training days.
7. That we continue to have 100% reporting as our constant goal.
8. That enthusiastic cooperation with the Committee on Finance in promotion of financial programs celebrating the **TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY** observance be made.
9. That close cooperation and good fellowship between members of Societies and Guilds, and other fellowship activities strengthening the local church be made.
10. That we strive for a 25% increase in membership during the celebration of the **TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY**, by June, 1966.
11. That membership visitation and the training of visitation teams be continued, with Guild and Society members cooperating, that our greatest potential may be reached — in service, in witness, and in dedication to the task before us.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Secretary

Spiritual Life Cultivation is not easy to report, because it deals largely with intangibles which cannot be computed in statistics. However, an accounting of some of the efforts is possible.

At the end of another year we again find reasons for both gratitude and regret — gratitude for progress made and regret over unmet needs. As the reports are compiled, then compared with those of a year ago in the Louisiana Conference and in the Jurisdiction as a whole, we find they measure up well enough to offer encouragement. Percentage-wise, gains have been slight and reveal the fact that in most instances we are still far from 100%.

The election of a secretary of spiritual life in each society has long been recognized as a primary need. It is therefore, deeply gratifying to note that our highest figure is here, where we now have secretaries in 98% of the societies.

Gains have been made in the two areas of **Evangelism** and **Stewardship** which have received special emphasis this year. Many local secretaries report close cooperation with pastors and commissions and with all groups working for the enrichment of the spiritual life of their churches.

Ever since our Introduction to Five Spiritual Classics several years ago, there has been an expressed desire for a similar study of other classics. The opportunity came this year in **An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics**. The study of Fenelon, Wesley and Underhill has been spiritually enriching. Rightly named **An Introduction**, many women are continuing their reading and re-reading of these classics. It was a high privilege to have Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews, Jurisdiction Secretary of Spiritual Life, teach one section of this course in our 1963 Conference School of Missions. Mrs. Matthews also gave valued assistance in the Spiritual Life Clinic, where she conducted a particularly helpful Depth Bible Study.

The use of spiritual life materials is on the increase in our conference, as elsewhere. They lead all other sales for Literature Headquarters. Two items have been discontinued: the Spiritual Life Packet and the Fellowship of Intercession cards. The **Prayer Calendar** carries the emphasis on intercessory prayer, thus forming a fellowship among its users.

Times Apart, Quiet Days and Retreats have been known and recommended as times of personal infilling of spiritual power needed for daily living and serving. Such observances have been held on all levels — local, district and conference — during the year.

Many needs might be listed. While we are moving forward, there is room to grow in every area. Perhaps all the specific needs may be included in the statement of the pledge made by each member every year — the pledge of our prayers, our service and our gifts. The need is to make this three-fold pledge so vital in the experience of every woman that the spiritual growth, the response to call to service, the witness to our faith, the reaching of the unreached are inevitable results.

I cannot conclude without a personal word of abiding appreciation of the privilege of serving these four years as your Secretary of Spiritual Life.

Recommendations

Let us remember the first goal of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Observance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of The Methodist Church: **GROWTH IN UNDERSTANDING AND SPIRITUAL POWER.** With this in mind, and our current study theme, **"An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics,"** let us use as a basis for our thinking and living the verse found in Romans 12:2 (J.B. Phillips):

"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within, so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves toward the goal of true maturity."

Toward fulfilling our places as secretaries of spiritual life cultivation in transforming these goals into realities, we make the following recommendations:

1. Observance of **"A Time Apart"** for all executive committees — of local societies, districts and conference.
2. Promotion of constructive, meaningful study and prayer groups, urging the use of well-chosen materials in these. One specific suggestion is a study of the Sermon on the Mount, following the approved study, **"An Introduction to Three Spiritual Classics."** Helpful aids include **"Jesus' Design for Living,"** Thomas A Kepler; William Barclay's **"The Gospel of Matthew,"** Volume I; **"The Interpreter's Bible,"** Volume VII.
3. Use of well qualified leaders for quiet days, days apart, retreats and schools of prayer.
4. Continuing emphasis on the observance of the **Call to Prayer and Self-Denial.**
5. Active participation of each secretary of spiritual life cultivation in the local society committee on program and the church commission on membership and evangelism.
6. Purchase and use of new materials, as published, especially in the areas of **EVANGELISM** and **STEWARDSHIP.**
7. Giving leadership, "followship" and cooperation in every way possible in the observance of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary.

STUDENT WORK

Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., Secretary

During the past quadrennium, The Methodist Church has taken a long look at its work with students. The aim has been to find the most effective relationship between the local church and students. A number of proposals were made to General Conference, and were referred to two groups which are making studies in the coming quadrennium: The Wesley Foundation Study Committee and the Committee to study the structure of the local church.

This action of referral by the General Conference means that our work with students will be continued in the Woman's Society at all levels — local, district, conference and jurisdiction for the quadrennium 1964-68. However, it has been voted that the term **"Secretary of Student Work"** be changed to **"Secretary of Campus Ministry"** in line with the action of

General Conference that the term "student work" be changed to "campus ministry" wherever it appears in the **Discipline**. This recommended change clearly identifies this work with the college, university and seminary communities.

Louisiana students participated this year in the Regional Methodist Student Movement Leadership Training Conference in Palestine, Texas, in the Christian Citizenship Seminar in New York and Washington, in the 19th Ecumenical Student Conference on the Christian World Mission in Athens, Ohio, and in the Methodist Student Movement State Conference in Baton Rouge. The number of students participating was excellent and the number of Campus Ministers from Louisiana who carry positions of leadership at these conferences is noteworthy.

The students from the Wesley Foundation at the University of Southwestern Louisiana participated in the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of the Louisiana Conference. The Wesley Singers sang and the Wesley Players presented the drama, "God's Work in Our Time," interpreting the mission of the church in the world of today. It is hard to think just how the students fitted all the necessary rehearsals into their busy schedules, but their superb performance climaxed the meeting and indeed held up God's work in our time.

The number of churches observing Methodist Student Day increased this year with an increase in the Student Day Offering. This offering supports the Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Program. There continues to be active Secretaries of Student Work in only about 60% of the organized Woman's Societies. An outstanding program of Christian ministry is being conducted on the campuses in the Louisiana Conference. The campus ministers and Wesley Foundations deserve our wholehearted support. We need a Secretary of Campus Ministry in every local church.

Recommendations

We recommend continued emphasis on each local society's electing a secretary of campus ministry. She needs to be a person with a genuine interest in and understanding of students.

We recommend that local secretaries of campus ministry:

1. Support the local church in the observance of Methodist Student Recognition Day.
2. Mail student information cards to campuses by June 15 or earlier. Actually most students choose their college by February now and it would be of greatest help to Wesley Foundation Directors if these cards could be received in April. This would give them a chance to meet with students and parents **before** the student arrives on campus.
3. Work closely with Campus Christian Staff. Be ready and willing to plan meetings for parents of students in your area if the Director or the district secretary of student work should request it.
4. Continue emphasis on work among international students and Negro students.
5. Keep in touch with all young people away from home, including those in military service.

SUPPLY WORK

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Secretary

The Louisiana Conference Supply Work Askings for the year 1963-64 were \$16,371.60. This was an increase of \$3,057.89 over the amount asked for the previous year. Realizing that though the increase was large the need was great, we accepted the increase with faith. We felt that if the needs were made known, the Louisiana women would do their best to help meet them.

Baton Rouge and New Orleans Districts met their Askings in full. The other Districts were just a few dollars short in meeting theirs. In some instances, they overpaid some while underpaying others. With the generous Christmas in July gifts, the Conference met all of the Home Askings. We fell short on meeting the Foreign Asking for Southern Rhodesia, Africa. Cash gifts were sent to four Institutions and Fields of Work not assigned to the Louisiana Conference. A small amount was sent undirected.

The total cash given in 1963-64 for Supply Work for the Woman's Society in the Home Field was \$12,473.88. An additional amount of \$63.99 was given for cash value of new materials and postage. The youth gave \$25.00 in cash value of materials for a layette shower for Dulac Community Center. On the Foreign Field, the total of \$5,362.85 was given. This made a total of \$17,925.72. This was an increase of \$1,899.89 over that given last year.

Three hundred seventy used books and magazines, as well as thousands of good used garments and quilt scraps, were sent to those institutions requesting them.

St. Mark's Community Center Camp still has great need of the Red Scissors coupons which are redeemed for cash.

The Wesleyan Service Guild overpaid their Askings of \$1,451.50 on the Home Field, and of \$487.00 on the Foreign Field. They did not meet the Asking of \$2.00 per Guild for the Magazine and Picture Fund. In addition, they sent small gifts of cash to other Institutions and Fields of Work. Their total giving through Supply Work was \$2,620.02. This was an increase of \$170.06 over that paid last year.

The total giving in Supply Work by the Woman's Society, the Youth, and the Wesleyan Service Guild amounted to \$20,545.74.

Cash for Supply Work Askings 1964 - 1965

Foreign Field Askings, \$4,095.00

Home Field Askings, \$11,562.15

Assignments for All Districts

St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart, New Orleans 70116

MacDonell Methodist Center, 1210 East Main St., Houma

National College, 5123 Truman Rd., Kansas City, Mo., 64127

Foreign Askings: Southern India Conference

One Wesley Foundation to each District as follows:

Wesley Foundation, Box 34, Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston:
Lake Charles and Ruston Districts

Wesley Foundation, Box 1285, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches:
Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Monroe, New Orleans and Shreveport Districts

Wesley Foundation, Box 220, University of Southwestern La., Lafayette:
Lafayette District

Recommendations

IT IS RECOMMENDED that:

1. A Secretary of Supply Work be active in each local Woman's Society of Christian Service.
2. She be an active member of the Committee on Finance.
3. Each local Secretary of Supply Work present the Supply Work Askings sent to her by the District Secretary of Supply Work to the Committee on Finance for approval.
4. Each local Secretary of Supply Work present information concerning the projects and institutions on the Supply Work Askings to the local society.

5. Better reporting be encouraged through closer contact with local treasurers and Wesleyan Service Guild Secretaries of Supply Work.
6. Red Scissors coupons be sent to St. Mark's Community Center for camp maintenance fund.
7. Supply is to be thought of as a love gift which helps to bridge the gap between the great need for materials in the institutions and the money available from the Pledge to Missions for this purpose. Pledge to Missions comes first, then Supply Work.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Miss Arline Tyler, Secretary

(See page 141)

YOUTH WORK

Mrs. Charles H. Giessen, Secretary

The specific responsibility of every Secretary of Youth Work in the Louisiana Conference this year has been missionary education of youth. However, this was not isolated from the total lives of the young people and other adult workers with youth, with whom we worked. Nor was it separated from the purpose of Christian education which is "to help persons: become aware of God's seeking love as shown especially in Jesus Christ and respond in faith and love to the end that they may develop self-understanding, self-acceptance, and self-fulfillment under God; increasingly identify themselves as sons of God and members of the Christian community; live as Christian disciples in all relations in human society; and abide in the Christian hope."

An annual report cannot adequately describe the outreach of the youth of our conference, but it does help to keep us informed. Junior high, senior high, and older youth have helped to strengthen the missionary program around the world through their participation in the many activities related to missionary education and through their gifts to the Methodist Youth Fund.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service sponsored an out-of-state co-educational Mission Tour in the Summer of 1963. It provided opportunity, through first-hand experience, for twenty-one youth to visit mission projects and church institutions in six states. It also helped these young people to better understand the church's mission in today's world by providing experiences in learning, spiritual growth, and group living.

Twenty-four young women caught a vision of their mission today by attending the Youth Section of the Woman's Society School of Missions and Christian Service. Both the women and the girls felt the spirit of Christian love and fellowship which permeated the Youth Section.

Two hundred young people attended the Recruitment Dinner at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. A most interesting program featured recently commissioned deaconesses, United States 2's, and students committed to church related vocations. Following the dinner the Wesley Foundation Players from the University of Southwestern Louisiana presented a drama, "God's Work in Our Time."

About forty young people from our conference have been selected to attend the Eighth National Convocation of Methodist Youth to be held in July, 1964.

As conference Secretary of Youth Work this year, I served on the committee on Youth Work of the Louisiana Conference and led an interest group in "The Challenge of Missions Today" at the Methodist Youth Fellowship Assembly. The District Secretaries of Youth Work and the Local Secretaries of Youth Work have labored valiantly in the spirit of love. I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to each of them.

Though certain structural changes are to be made in the missionary education of children and youth, all Secretaries of Youth Work are asked to remain in their respective offices until June, 1965, and help in every way possible to span the interim period with as little confusion as possible. Be sure your church has an active, concerned Secretary of Youth Work!

Recommendations

Youth needs us! We must help them today to fulfill the Methodist Youth Fellowship Covenant. With this in mind, we Recommend:

1. The election of a Secretary of Youth Work in EVERY Woman's Society of Christian Service, observing carefully the procedure for the election of this officer, as set forth in "A Guide."
2. That the Secretary of Youth Work, on all levels, be urged to participate in training opportunities afforded by the Woman's Society of Christian Service and by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church.
3. That the Secretary of Youth Work, on all levels, promote the use of Missionary Materials for Youth at every opportunity, such as: the Conference School of Missions, the District Seminars, District and Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship Meetings, Local Church Schools of Missions and Methodist Youth Fellowship Mission Study Classes.
4. That both boys and girls be included in all enterprises for missionary education and/or missionary recruitment projects.
5. That the Secretary of Youth Work, on all levels, encourage every member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship to support the Methodist Youth Fund as it helps to maintain a program of Missions, Christian Education, and Youth Work around the world by personal pledging and systematic paying on the part of the youth.
6. That the local Secretary of Youth Work cooperate closely with the Secretary of Student Work in the area of recruitment for missions, reporting interested youth (boys and girls) to the district Secretary of Missionary Personnel.
7. That the Conference and District Secretaries of Youth Work expend every effort to work with the Conference and District Directors of Youth Work in the area of Christian Outreach.
8. That careful consideration be made at all times to coordinate the **total program** for youth.
9. That the local Secretary of Youth Work be alert to the Eighth National Convocation of Methodist Youth, which is to be held at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, on July 27-31, 1964. Even churches where there is no delegate to the Convocation should consider ways in which this event can become a vital part of their youth program.
10. That "reporting," the best method we have for checking on our accomplishments or failures, be considered obligatory to the office of Youth Work at all levels.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Mrs. Wideman Watson, Chairman

1963 School of Missions and Christian Service

Total enrollment of the 1963 School of Missions and Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference was 342. This number included students, teachers, guests and visitors. There were 292 women and youth enrolled in classes. Of this number 287 received credit cards, 98.2%. Enrollment in clinics was 233, with 43 district officers and secretaries of lines of work in the attendance pattern. One hundred and sixteen churches were represented. The offering for missions, \$255.10, was sent to the Woman's Division in honor of Miss Elizabeth Stinson, a native Louisianian, who retired in August, 1963, after serving with distinction and consecrated devotion in the office of Secretary of Missionary Education of the Woman's Division for a

number of years. Twenty-four girls, who were seniors in high school or college age (three from each district) participated in all phases of the school program under the supervision of Mrs. Charles Giessen, Secretary of Youth Work; Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Secretary of Missionary Personnel; and Mrs. John L. Howe, Secretary of Student Work.

Literature sales amounted to \$1,285.94. Mrs. John Cooke of Shreveport again served as Librarian for the School of Missions. Centenary College's new library with its wonderful facilities was made available to the school. Worship settings related to the programs for 1963-64, "WITNESS, THROUGH SERVICE," which were on display throughout the week, were prepared by Mrs. Joe Bond and Mrs. Thomas A. Pitt. A booklet, containing morning meditations written by four Louisiana deaconesses and daily pages from the Prayer Calendar, was prepared by Mrs. T. Haller Jackson, Secretary of Spiritual Life, and a copy of it was placed, along with other items, in a folder given each person who registered. There was a showing of film strips and movies related to the different studies.

Arrangements had been made to provide a nursery for babies through three years of age, and a Vacation Church School for Children from four through twelve years of age, whose mothers would attend the School of Missions. The children were to be cared for at Noel Memorial Church, under the direction of Mrs. Euland Efurd. These plans were cancelled, due to the fact that an insufficient number of children were registered.

Meetings of the Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service

In a meeting of the Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service at Centenary College on August 8, 1963, elections were made as follows for the 1964 School of Missions: Chairman, Mrs. Wideman Watson; Dean, Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke, Sr.; Assistant Dean, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.; Registrar, Mrs. W. D. Snelling; House Chairman, Mrs. J. T. Eubank; Secretary, Mrs. E. B. Miller. A selection of teachers was made for the 1964 School.

In a meeting of the Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service on November 6, 1963, at Broadmoor Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, a motion was made and carried that due to the changes in the 1964 program of the School of Missions and to the limited classroom and dormitory facilities at Centenary College the Youth Section be eliminated. The committee also recommended that a clinic for Children's Work be set up at the 1964 Louisiana Conference School of Missions in view of the fact that special training is needed to introduce the new curriculum material "Christian Studies for Methodist Children."

In a meeting of the Committee on School of Missions and Christian Service at the Municipal Auditorium in Lafayette, March 12, 1964, the newly elected Secretary of Missionary Education, Mrs. Garland Dean, Jr., was elected Chairman of the 1965 School of Christian Mission. Others elected were: Dean, Mrs. Charles Giessen; Assistant Dean, Mrs. W. B. Gardner; Registrar, Mrs. T. Haller Jackson.

1964 School of Christian Mission Centenary College, Shreveport, Louisiana August 3-7, 1964

Dean: Mrs. Glen R. Nordyke, Sr.	Secretary: Mrs. E. B. Miller
Asst. Dean: Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr.	Librarian: Mrs. John G. Cooke, Jr.
Chairman: Mrs. Wideman Watson	Worship Settings: Mrs. Joe Bond Mrs. Thomas A. Pitt

Courses and Instructors:

The Church's Mission Among New Nations
Miss Miriam Brattain

The United States Responsibility In The World of New Nations
Mrs. J. Russell Henderson

Spanish Americans
Mrs. C. B. McGowan
Mrs. W. W. Paxton

Purpose and Program In A New Age

Mrs. Mildred Osment

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy

Bible Study on Genesis

Dr. Bond Fleming

Clinics:

President, Vice-President, Secretaries of: Christian Social Relations, Literature, Missionary Education and Service, Missionary Personnel, Promotion, Spiritual Life, Wesleyan Service Guild, Children's Work.

Pattern of Attendance

At Regional School of Christian Mission, 1965

All Conference Officers and Secretaries of Lines of Work and Guild Chairmen are expected to attend.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Louisiana Conference News

Mrs. Charles B. McGowan, Chairman

Mrs. W. E. Trice, Editor

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COMMITTEE ON TOURS

Mrs. C. R. McCammon, Chairman

The Committee on Tours announces that the third out-of-state mission tour sponsored by the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held this summer. The ten day tour is scheduled to begin on July 21, 1964. Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham of Baton Rouge will serve as directors. They have been counselors on the first two W.S.C.S. tours and have had wide experience in all phases of youth work. Mr. Oldham is the District Director of Youth Work for the Baton Rouge District and for several summers has directed the conference-wide MYF Workshop. Mrs. Oldham has served as Secretary of Youth Work for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Baton Rouge District and has been active in workshops and Youth Assemblies. They are members of Broadmoor Methodist Church in Baton Rouge.

A new route is under consideration for the 1964 tour. For the past two summers the itinerary has included mission projects in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Miss Louise Sharp, as director of the first two tours, made an invaluable contribution to the youth who participated and to the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service. We are deeply grateful for her splendid leadership and for the Oldhams who will give of their time and ability this year.

The cost of the tour will be \$75.00. Applications will be accepted from young people who are juniors and seniors in high school and of college age. As soon as detailed plans are completed, they will be sent to local pastors and presidents of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Tour Application blanks may be obtained from Mr. and Mrs. John Oldham, 10465 Cedar Lane Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana or the chairman of the Committee on Tours, Mrs. C. R. McCammon, 112 Arnould Boulevard, Lafayette, Louisiana.

REPORTS OF WOMAN'S DIVISION PROJECTS IN LOUISIANA

COMMUNITY CENTERS

PEOPLE'S METHODIST COMMUNITY CENTER

2019 Simon Bolivar Avenue, New Orleans 13, Louisiana

Mrs. Pearl C. Turnbull, Nursery Teacher

Looking back over the years and taking note of the many vital services which People's Methodist Community Center has made available to the community and the hundreds of lives which it has touched and influenced for good, we feel that we can safely say that the vision of the founders has become a reality.

The things which have happened to People's since a small courageous band of dedicated Christians launched this project is adequate proof that God helps those who help themselves. Realizing that this institution was indeed attempting to fill a pressing need in the Community, the Methodist Church Board of Home Missions, The Woman's Society of Christian Service and The United Fund of Greater New Orleans came to its aid. With the assistance of these agencies People's has expanded to the point where it is not only serving people in the immediate vicinity, but throughout the city.

The 206 children enrolled in the day care and day school departments come from every distant section of the city and even from across the river.

Even though the enrollment of each group was increased by 20% in September and another classroom was added for an additional class it was still necessary to turn away about sixty pre-school children. Our chief concern now is acquiring more space.

Let us suppose for a minute that there were no People's Center. Can you imagine the problems and hardships that the parents of these children would encounter. Since they must seek employment outside the home to provide the necessities of life for themselves and their children they would have no choice other than to leave them under makeshift circumstances and questionable care.

Here at People's they spend the day in a wholesome, pleasant environment where they receive educational training along with Christian influence and nourishing meals. Cots are provided for rest and sleep for the children under five years of age. Toys, books, record players, playground equipment, play activities and programs provide fun and employment as well as opportunities for developing the total personality of the child.

Even though day care is the most essential service offered at Peoples, it is by no means the only one. There are after school activities for junior and teenage boys and girls. The Girl Scout Clubs, Athletic Teams and Literary Programs provide many hours of wholesome enjoyment that might otherwise be spent in unwholesome activities. Adults are by no means forgotten. They too, have a place in the total program. The parents' clubs are a means of bringing together parents and teachers for the purpose of establishing a bond of mutual interest and understanding between the school and the home. Parents share in the rewarding experience of helping Peoples grow and improve for the benefit of their children.

We are ever mindful to be grateful and appreciative to the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the part which they have played in helping to make this work possible, for without this assistance many would be lacking.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER
1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, Louisiana

Fae L. Daves, Director

It is our pleasure to bring you greetings from the staff, the board, and members of St. Mark's Community Center and our thanks for the many ways in which you have given us support during the past year. In these troubled times we are happy to be able to offer services especially to children and youth which contribute to their development and a fuller life, and which we hope will help them become productive Christian citizens.

The past year has been a big one for us. Our individual enrollment for the year was 635; the age range from 4 to 89 years. Both enrollment and attendance showed an increase over the preceding year. We continue to serve many races on a non-sectarian basis. This year we started an extension program at the Iberville Housing Project (white), which is located about 10 blocks from the Center. The Housing Authority has given us the use of a small 1st floor apartment. This is helpful, but limiting, because of size. At present we have two morning sessions for pre-school children and a girl's club one afternoon a week. Many of the boys have found their way to St. Mark's for clubs and athletics. As I write this we are finally getting another project under way — English classes for the Cuban refugees who live there. We feel that if we can help these newcomers adjust to a new life here it will be a real service. These are the first Cuban families in our area. We served a few Cuban children in our groups last summer, and there are some now in the pre-school group.

We had a big program last summer with Play Camp for children 6-12, special activities for teens, swimming classes, swimming periods for all age groups, game room, etc., and five weeks of resident camping, six days each, for 75 children 8-14 years of age. Our swimming program was highlighted by our family night swim. This was the big night for our neighbors weekly and it was a real pleasure to see families enjoying themselves together in this way. It was during the summer that we launched our extension program in the Iberville Housing Project by having what we termed a "play party" in an area designated by the Housing Authority two afternoons a week for children 4 to 10. Fifty to 100 children appeared every afternoon our group was there. In this extra program the staff was assisted by a number of volunteers, mostly teenagers.

Staff as usual has been our big problem this year. We have been short one full time staff member since last June, which means that we have had only two full time program persons, Miss Laura Smith and Miss Wilma Snare. We have had additional part time help, some of it good, but it is not the same. We need someone who is not only a dedicated Christian but who has had graduate training in social group work, is young and strong, has enthusiasm, initiative, understanding, patience and skill. We may have to settle for less, but this is what we need. Our regular staff has had to carry too much load this year, a condition that must be corrected soon. The work of the staff was supplemented by 38 volunteers who were regular and gave 1,000 hours of service, plus the scores who worked for the Fair.

Our Fair last March was the biggest and best we have ever had. In fact it couldn't be any bigger as every foot of available space in the building and yard was used that night. Because so many people helped — our members and their families, friends, members of the Board, the Woman's Societies of our District — and also because we had good weather, we were able to clear \$1,080.00. \$300.00 of this amount went to the Carmol Tackaberry Memorial Pool Fund for Camp St. Mark's, the rest for our camp maintenance fund.

Right now in our program we have between 350 and 400 active members in clubs, interest groups, and athletic program. This does not include the outside groups who use our building but are not counted as members. At this season of the year the chief interest of the boys is basketball. We have three leagues with 17 teams, ranging in age from 10 years to young

adults. One night a week in the gym is still reserved for co-ed volleyball (teens and young adults); they have 8 teams. Space does not permit a description of the services presently offered.

You may be interested to know that we have a story of our work at St. Mark's in colored slides available for use in your programs. Please write us well in advance of date you wish them to be sure pictures will be available.

EDUCATIONAL WORK AND RESIDENCES

BUSINESS GIRLS' INN

814 Cotton Street, Shreveport, Louisiana

Ruth Dixon Maddy, Director

The new director, Ruth Dixon Maddy, came to the Inn last September and assumed her present role the first of October. With only four months in this position, this report will cover experiences relating only to her tenure here.

Early in October a vespers program was initiated with the idea of fostering a spiritual atmosphere and of providing opportunity for leadership among the girls. In most cases the leaders chose their own materials: some of them selected tracts placed in the literature rack by a committee from the board of directors. At the beginning of the new year, we decided to follow the theme, "Around Our Father's World." Our first program on this topic was on Mexico. Our Mexican girl read the twenty-third Psalm in Spanish, and one of our Baptist girls from Arkansas showed beautiful colored slides of a variety of scenes from "South of the Border." The second program, and the last before this report was submitted, was planned by one of our Methodist girls. She invited a youth counselor of her church in Minden to share with us one of the camping trips which he had conducted during the summer months. He, also, chose Mexico as his subject. The colored slides and his narration of the experiences of the young people contained Christian and missionary emphasis without making an obvious point of either. Other similar sessions are being planned for the girls in order that they may derive knowledge of some of the different peoples of the world and get a glimpse of the cultures which shape their lives.

The committee on Culture and Religious Programs has given much thought to their responsibility in bringing worthwhile sessions and good speakers to the Inn. Recently this committee, under the direction of its chairman, Mrs. J. B. Fletcher, met with presidents of several Woman's Society groups to plan further programs. They invited a delegation from among the girls of the Inn to come to the meeting to offer suggestions as to what they would like to have presented to them. Out of this joint meeting came plans for discussions on such topics as, "Preparation for Marriage," and "How to Buy and Combine Clothes." Pertinent phases of business, psychiatry, and athletics will also be given careful treatment by outside speakers.

The president of the board, Mrs. L. G. Thomas, has provided a number of social activities for the girls. At Halloween, she gave a delightful party on her spacious patio; and at Christmas, her home was opened to them in connection with the tour of beautifully decorated houses sponsored by the Shreveport Federated Garden Clubs Council. She has invited the friends of our two March brides to plan a combined party at her home with each girl at the Inn accepting her hospitality, if that is her pleasure. She has been influential in securing complimentary admission to a dress rehearsal performance at the Little Theatre in Shreveport. Her outstanding event was "Open House" at the Inn early in December, at which the girls had opportunity to serve as tea hostesses and house guides.

Woman's Society groups are encouraged to hold their meetings here. Several have availed themselves of our facilities, and for some members, it

was the first visit to this home. The director has appreciated being asked to acquaint the women with some of the details of operation and of our living together here at the Inn.

The buying of a new set of dishes has been a long range project, and the present director has reaped the benefits of the labors and the gifts of those who made this purchase possible. Our new linen tablecloths and our best silver combined with our Syracuse china make it possible for us to entertain with much satisfaction.

It is the desire of the director that our services, our programs, our improvements, and our lives shall all speak for Christ and His love to those who shall come within our doors.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana

Robert Tatum, Director

This year has been so full and so busy, it is hard to say where we should start. Construction started on our new building in May. We occupied the structure in January and held the service of consecration on February 12, with the NSC Chorale presenting special music. Bishop Walton delivered the message and Dr. John Kyser, president of Northwestern, brought words of welcome from the college, the faculty and the staff.

Because of the new structure our attendance has reached new heights. In some cases attendance has jumped as much as 33% over the same period last year. My personal conference and counseling load has increased even more because there is now a place where conferences can be held without interruption.

Our program emphasis is divided equally between one large group meeting and two smaller study groups. Our general weekly schedule is as follows: SUNDAY, 9:00 a.m.—Coffee; 9:30 a.m.—Old Testament Study; 6:00 p.m.—New Testament Study. WEDNESDAY: 5:00 p.m.—Supper; 5:45 p.m.—Program; 6:20 p.m.—Worship. MONDAY: (Spring Semester Only) 6:30 p.m.—Membership Class.

We continue to raise our support to missions each year. We have increased our Methodist Student Movement Fund pledge by \$25.00 again this year. The total is now \$325.00. Mr. Carl Williams visited our campus in October to talk about his work in Bolivia and to meet with students interested in missions. This March, Dr. W. E. Trice will speak at a Foreign Student Banquet sponsored by our Wesley Foundation. Dr. Trice will talk on the subject of "Africa in Crisis." This program will be supplemented with slides and discussion of his recent trip to Africa. Other programs include: the National Council of Churches; a study of memory; a study of religious anthropology; a study of the problems of courtship and marriage; evangelism; mission and service.

Our student leadership has been very good this year. All students involved in our program have been tireless in their efforts to learn, work, study, and enjoy good fellowship. All together we had 630 Methodist and Methodist preference students on campus this fall. Next year we expect to gain another hundred or so as the "War Babies" start to enter school.

Each year we see how much the support of the Woman's Society of Christian Service means to us. Not only help with salary, or in the supply askings, but there has come a feeling that much of our work would be impossible without the many prayers you have said on our behalf . . . We are grateful.

Basically our work is concerned with the individual college student, the response of one student to the call of Christ. We have had several give this response, some in full time dedication, others in witness, some in renewal. Perhaps the feeling of our students is best expressed in this statement by a freshman co-ed who wrote in a report to the Dean of Women at NSC: "I have set extremely high goals for myself. I hope to be a better

person by achieving these goals. To be a better Christian is the most important of the goals I have set. Until I came to Northwestern, I was not as religious as I should have been. I have found a new religious interest since I have been on campus . . . I realize that my future is being made today. I will surely try to make a success of my life." If one student has said this, then all of our united efforts, prayers and money have been wisely invested.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, Louisiana

William M. Stokes, Jr., Director

"Bill, the best thing has happened! I just went by the fraternity house and told them that I had just gotten back from our Fall Planning Retreat. Their enthusiasm was so great. They told how much Wesley had done this summer and how it was 'the' place to go. Bill, what was so exciting was that those who were doing so much of the talking were Presbyterians and Baptists. I believe that this feeling among the students all over the campus will cause our Christian outreach to all students to be greater," said a sophomore.

Thursday and Sunday Vespers are the most important aspect of our program. The large percent of the speakers are students. Students realize that the speakers are students like themselves sharing their own personal faith. The importance of vespers was expressed by a student when he said, "When I was asked to speak I was ready to say 'no' . . . but then I realized this is my opportunity to witness for Jesus Christ."

While at Summer School the Personnel Co-Chairman secures a list of the Methodist freshmen who have registered for the Fall Semester. A letter is mailed to them from the president and director, and also a personal note from a Council member. This contact with the students before they arrive on the campus is a great help in securing their participation in our program. This list is given to the ministers of the churches and the Church School teachers so they can contact the students. A foreign student wrote to a Council member: "I have been very much gratified by the cordial invitation you sent me in your letter, and thank you for the same. However, I have decided to do graduate work at another college. I have intentions of partaking the student activities at your counterpart on this campus. I sincerely want to express my appreciation for your interest in me." With the Fall Semester a campus visitation is held to the Methodist freshmen and then to the upperclassmen. The teams, composed of two students who have had a training session prior to the visitation, visit the dormitories giving the students a Wesley Foundation calendar, which lists the weekly scheduled activities, and inviting them to participate in our program.

Our students participate in campus activities: Homecoming Display—"The Battle of the Bulldogs"—winning first place in the Religious Division; Campus Carnival—"Wesley County Jail"—winning first place in the Independent Division; Intra-mural sports—winning first place in the softball tournament. Open House is held after each home football game, and a reception is held in honor of Mothers' Weekend and Fathers' Weekend.

The Pastors of our churches, Reverend Douglas McGuire and Reverend Wilson Watson, and the members of their churches extend to the students a warm welcome, offering them affiliate or regular membership. Dr. Henry Rickey, our District Superintendent, is to be highly commended for his capable leadership as he has presented our program to the churches of our District. We are grateful to the Woman's Society of Christian Service for support and interest. Over a period of three years, with our Supply Askings we have purchased beautiful patio furniture which adds to the attractiveness and usefulness of our patio.

Ten of our students, along with the Director, attended the Regional Leadership Training Conference, Lakeview Methodist Assembly, Palestine, Texas. The Council, the student governing body, meets weekly to carry out plans made at Fall Planning Retreat, Caney Lake, Minden.

Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr., First Methodist, Baton Rouge, gave an inspiring and challenging message this past spring regarding the visit he had with Dr. Albert Schweitzer. A student said, "When I think about what Dr. Schweitzer is doing, I ask myself what I am doing for God."

Thus, from our Wesley Foundation will come ministers and laymen who will be the leaders of our Church. The service and faith expressed by our students are already evidence of how much greater in God's service our Church will be. The students' witness is the witness of the Church on the college campus.

METHODIST STUDENT CENTER

University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana

Reverend Robert S. Barefield, Director

Summary of Fall Semester, 1963

	Average Attendance
Thursday Night Activities -----	51
Noon-Day Chapel: Tues., Wed., Thur -----	20
Commuters' Luncheon -----	12
Fall Retreat at Camp Brewer -----	34 (actual)
Sunday Evening Meal -----	28
Fall Outing to St. Martinville -----	36 (actual)
Choir -----	20
Wesley Players -----	12
Three Study Groups -----	25 (actual)
Sunday School -----	23

The Fall Semester was begun with a Council Pre-School Planning Retreat, with nine in attendance, at Camp Brewer. The Thursday night programs were well planned and very well received. Noon-Day Chapel showed a continuing strengthening with average attendance the first month being 16, but by the end of the semester, the average attendance increased to 20. Our Wesley Choir is very active, averaging over 20 at its practice and performances. It appeared in seven of our Lafayette District Churches and on a local television station. Our dramatic group presented a modern Christmas drama for the local sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship. The Wesley Foundation was represented at the District Youth Rally in New Iberia in November. One of our efforts has been to strengthen our ties with the local churches of the District. Toward this end the Wesley Director and representatives of the Wesley Foundation appeared before the congregation of 13 of our district churches.

February of Spring Semester, 1964

	Average Attendance
Thursday Night -----	48
Noon-Day Chapel -----	23
Commuters' Luncheon -----	15
Study Groups (Total) -----	50
Sunday Evening Meal -----	25
Choir -----	20
Wesley Players -----	15
Sunday School -----	13

We are very proud that both our Wesley Singers and our Wesley Players have been invited to be on the program for the State Woman's Society of Christian Service meeting. We appreciate very much the support of the Woman's Society for the work with our Methodist students at USL, and we look forward to a continuing mutual ministry.

SAGER BROWN SCHOOL

Baldwin, Louisiana

Rosie Ann Cobb, Superintendent

A change in the title for Sager Brown Home and Godman School has been made. The recommendation to drop the name "Godman School" and the word "Home" was made at the Advisory Board Meeting, February, 1963. The recommendation was approved by the Woman's Division of Christian Service. The title now is "Sager Brown School." This change of title does not affect the type of service that has been given.

The program of the school continues on a yearly basis. An average of sixty children per month has been cared for in the dormitories this year. These children may be placed in the following categories: orphans, children representing broken homes from causes other than death, children of working parents, and children placed in group-living situations through the child welfare department.

About two-thirds of our dormitory boys and girls are with us throughout the year. Much time has been given by each worker to help these boys and girls live in a real home-like atmosphere. Birthdays are celebrated monthly and each child receives a gift during his particular monthly celebration. Our children have been helped to develop spiritually, mentally, morally, and physically.

The school, which is located on the campus, has an enrollment of 150. This number includes day students who commute from several communities, along with those who live in the dormitories. The school is state approved and the pupils are enrolled from Kindergarten through eighth grade.

The Advisory Board for the school has served in a most efficient way. We appreciate the support its members have given us in all of our endeavors.

The staff this year has consisted of seventeen workers—an increase over last year. Two US-2's have worked with us this year. Three persons on the staff have been commissioned as deaconesses—one of these was a former US-2.

The physical plant has been improved. The former school building has been replaced with a spacious, modern, air-conditioned building. A new staff house for teachers who live on the campus was also built during the summer of 1963.

We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our many friends who have visited us during the year and who have remembered us in their prayers or by their gifts.

SOCIAL WELFARE AND MEDICAL WORK

MACDONELL METHODIST CENTER

1210 East Main Street, Houma, Louisiana

John L. Howe, Jr., Director

MacDonell Methodist Center, in Houma, Louisiana, is the home of twenty-nine boys and girls of school age. These children are from broken homes and are those whose particular problems may be met in a group-living situation. Many of the children suffer feelings of rejection and confusion. Temporary placement at MacDonell Center allows them to regain their balance and develop a feeling of self-worth in a comfortable, non-pressured setting.

The group-living situation in a children's home gives a child a sense of security even though he may be using the group as a testing ground for his explosive feelings. He learns that the housemothers' firm control will keep him from harming himself or others and that the group is not upset by his antics. Both facts are strangely comforting to him. After a time the

child is ready to try a more realistic approach. He begins to test out "love"—that is, he loses some of his fear of having his love rejected. Bit by bit the child begins to feel he is a person of real worth—one who can live and work with others and be accepted. Then school grades improve. The child enters into more activities at school and in the community. He begins to think of the future and to plan ahead for his life.

This explains—briefly and in very simplified form—the purpose and program of MacDonell Methodist Center. Maintaining a pleasant, non-pressured atmosphere is not always easy. Houseparents must work continually at learning skills that allow them to fill specific needs of children in their care. This past summer Mrs. Mary Smith attended a five week course for child-care staff at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Irma Jenkins attended a houseparent training institute at Epworth-by-the-Sea in Georgia. Other houseparents will attend these classes this coming summer. Mrs. Robert Rau, of Thibodaux, a member of MacDonell's Board, also attended a training institute this past year.

The Board of MacDonell has requested a study of the community, its needs, and the agency's resources and services. The Woman's Division of the Methodist Board of Missions has authorized this study. Even before a study is started, however, it is apparent that MacDonell needs a professionally trained social worker to help child-care staff interpret specific needs of children in their care and to lay groundwork with parents for each child's eventual return home. At the request of the MacDonell Board, the Woman's Division has made available a salary for a case-worker that is both adequate and realistic in this highly specialized field. A church-related agency needs to practice continual self-evaluation if its program is to remain Christ-centered. We ask your support in prayer as we study to find God's will for our stewardship with these children.

TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

DULAC COMMUNITY CENTER

Box 1150, Dulac Louisiana

Rev. Jerry M. Moon, Director

The largest gathering ever to be held at the Center was the going away party for Carl and Mildred Brunson who this last August completed their tenth year as director and social worker at Dulac. In their ten years at Dulac the Brunsons developed a mutual, binding love with the Indian people whom they served. Some of the outstanding features of their tenure have been: closing the Indian Mission School as the parish took over its rightful responsibility, converting the program from that of a school to a community center, establishing a two year kindergarten for the Indian descendants, building a beautiful new center building, and building a beautiful little church. These things one can readily see as he visits the present center, but there is more than this. There is the unseen which lies only in the hearts of the people of Dulac. This is harder to measure, but briefly we could state it this way. Through their ten years of service the Brunsons became a symbol to the people—a symbol of truth, right, and hope. We of the Dulac Community Center tip our hats to Carl and Mildred for the fine work they have done here and believe they are a couple that the Woman's Division of Christian Service will long be proud of.

Perhaps the greatest change at Dulac this year was in administration. On September first a large van was surrounded by curiosity seekers as they all pitched in to help unload the new director, Rev. Jerry M. Moon, his wife, Joan, and their two daughters, Cynthia, age five, and Susanna, age two. The Moons came from Missouri where Mr. Moon has been pastoring churches for the past ten years. This is his first assignment with the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Mr. Moon majored in Sociology and Religious Education at Central Methodist College, Fayette, Missouri, and Joan majored in Elementary Education.

Mr. Moon was quite aware of the close bond between the community and the Brunsons and has endeavored not to "rock the boat" in either policy or operation. After all, most of the young people of the community have looked up to the Brunsons as their guide and stay for most of their lives. It was believed that if things remained as unchanged and as stable as possible the community would make the adjustment with greater ease. The only changes in policy or activity that have been made are those which the staff and board of directors thought needed to be made to maintain this stability with a new director. It is generally felt that this transition has been made very smoothly and that everyone who has had contact with the Moons feels very much at home with them.

The kindergarten is still the largest single activity with an enrollment of fifty-five this year. Miss Patricia Gibson, deaconess, has full responsibility of this program. With the help of Miss Wilhelmina Hooper and four local girls, she has these children divided into three classes which they conduct much like any other kindergarten with the exception of teaching English to the French speaking children. There are sixty-six children enrolled this year in the "released time" religious education classes which are also under the direction of Miss Gibson. They are presently in the process of making a set of slides portraying the story of the Prodigal Son. One other regular activity under Miss Gibson's guidance is the Girls' Clubs. The girls, in two groups of ten each, do various activities such as cooking, sewing and craft projects. Once in a while they even have movies and slumber parties.

Mrs. Merril Marcell, a volunteer worker from Houma, comes to the Center twice a week and teaches eighteen boys and girls piano lessons. She is the only volunteer we have and we are all very grateful for her contribution.

Mrs. Moon is not employed as a full-time worker as was Mrs. Brunson, because of her pre-school children who keep her very busy. However, as a part time group worker, Mrs. Moon does many things around the Center. She helps Mr. Moon oversee the Teen Club which has a paid membership of about 50 with several visitors attending their weekly square dances. In addition to their traditional Halloween party and Christmas party the Teen Club sponsored an all teen dance and a community dance for which they hired a band and radio entertainers. There were over 150 persons at the latter dance which was deemed very successful. Mrs. Moon also directs the Methodist Youth Fellowship activities and helps with clothing sales and Woman's Society of Christian Service activities. She is usually found close by when unregularly scheduled activities are taking place, just to lend a helping hand.

Besides general administration Mr. Moon is directly responsible for the Teen Club and two camera clubs — one for boys and one for girls. These clubs are partially responsible for the pictures on display in the lounge here at the Annual Meeting. Most of Mr. Moon's time is spent in familiarizing himself with the administration of the Center and the community that he has been assigned to serve.

The annual Christmas pageant presented by the Community Center was given for the first time outside of Dulac. The entire youth cast of over fifty players and choir members presented their Christmas pageant at the First Methodist Church in Lafayette. This was deemed an outstanding highlight in the eyes of the players as well as the congregation at Lafayette.

The Center wishes to recognize and say more thanks than can possibly be put into words to THE FIRST TRAINING REGIMENT of FORT POLK, LA. A delegation from the regiment under the direction of Chaplain Saunders brought to the Center a check for \$1,400.93 to be used in our Christmas giving this year. The Center distributed over 1000 gifts, \$25 worth of candy, \$35 in fruit, and sixty new blankets to needy families. Without their gift this would not have been possible. Their gift will also go to buy many program needs such as roller skates, baby supplies, kindergarten and club supplies as the money lasts.

We of the Community Center wish to thank also the individuals and societies for their contributions at Christmas. This year's gifts from societies were not as great as anticipated, but we wish to recognize those who did give to this fund. Let us remember that next year we will not have the help of the army to off set this giving. As we make an effort to reach more people for Christ our needs also increase, so please do not forget the people here who need you.

LOUISIANA TOWN AND COUNTRY WORK

Urania Area — Alexandria District

Mrs. Martha Overbey, Church and Community Worker

I have spent another pleasant and profitable year in the Urania Area. The area is made up of Tullos, Lewis Chapel, Belah, Eden, Trout and Urania churches. All these churches have very small congregations. I have spent much time visiting homes, hospitals and Home for Aged. Many are shut-ins, sick, and some need individual encouragement as well as friendship.

Trout and Urania churches are served by Reverend E. W. Sandel. He has two Sunday services at Trout church, one at 9:00 a.m., and a Sunday evening service. Their prayer meetings are held Wednesday evening. The Sunday service at Urania church is held at 11:00 a.m., and Urania church has started having cottage prayer meetings on Thursday evening.

Reverend Henry Pinkard serves Tullos, Lewis Chapel, Belah and Eden churches. He has a service at Lewis Chapel Saturday evening and I conduct a Bible class for adults before the evening service. There are no children in this church. Starting Sunday at 9:30 a.m., church school and church services are held in Belah church, and at 11:00 a.m., church service is held in the Eden church. Reverend Pinkard also has a service in the Tullos church at 6:00 p.m., then goes to Belah church for a night service. Each Sunday at 6:30 p.m. I work with the Methodist Youth Fellowship in Belah church; then I go to Trout church for the evening service and help with the singing.

The Woman's Societies of Christian Service of Urania and Trout churches have good attendance and inspirational programs. Both societies received Jurisdiction Recognition for the study "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia." I will start this study in the Eden community soon. The Eden church does not have a Woman's Society.

I attended the Woman's Society of Christian Service Annual Meeting last March with a display of my work. I also attended the Louisiana Conference School of Missions and two District Educational Seminars, and presented one study.

I have taken part in curriculum study in Alexandria district and attended a meeting in Holly Springs, Mississippi, where plans were being made for a laboratory school to be held in July to teach how to present the new courses.

I attended the meeting of the National Methodist Conference on the Church in Town and Country held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Delegates from every state attended this wonderful Conference.

I conducted a school for Texas-Mexican migrant children in the strawberry area. This was my fifth term and I could see much improvement in the pupils. This is a very good missionary project and I hope and pray that it will continue.

This has been a full year. My prayer has been to help strengthen God's Kingdom in all that I have done and am doing. I am asking for your prayers that God's Kingdom may grow.

BYLAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

REVISED, 1964, TO CONFORM TO CHANGES
MADE IN CONFERENCE BYLAWS BY THE WOMAN'S DIVISION

The Constitution of Conference Societies will be found in **Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division**.

ARTICLE I — Officers and Secretaries

Section 1. The President shall actively advance all the interests of the work and with the recording secretary sign all orders on the treasury. She shall preside at all meetings of the conference society and of the Executive and Administrative Committees. She shall be a member *ex-officio* of all committees except the Committee on Nominations. She shall be a member of the Jurisdictional Board of Missions and of such other cooperative boards and committees as the Discipline may provide, including the Annual Conference Board of Missions, the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation, and the Commission on Christian Higher Education if the annual conference organizes this latter commission.

Section 2. The Vice-President shall actively assist in promoting the interests of the society and, in the absence of the president, shall perform the duties of that office. She shall be responsible for assisting in promoting plans and methods for the use and development of program materials as related to the duties of the Committee on Program in the local society. She shall share in the interpretation and promotion of the World Federation of Methodist Women and, with other officers and secretaries, share in promoting the cooperation of Methodist women in the program of United Church Women. She shall perform such other duties as the conference society may require.

She shall be a member of the Committees on Annual Meeting Program and School of Christian Mission. She shall report annually to the conference society, receive reports from the district vice-presidents and report to the jurisdiction vice-president according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a permanent record of all meetings of the conference society and of the Executive and Administrative Committees. She shall send minutes of Executive and Administrative Committee meetings to each officer and secretary. She shall send to the members notices of all regular and special meetings of the conference society and of the Executive Committee. She shall present recommendations of the Executive Committee to the society and notify all committees of their appointments. She shall, with the president, sign all orders on the treasury. At the time of an election of officers and secretaries she shall send their names and addresses to the jurisdiction recording secretary. She shall prepare and issue the annual report of the conference society. She shall be a member of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive funds to be remitted to the Division and funds for cultivation purposes from the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local churches quarterly or monthly from the treasurer of the local society, or from district treasurers, as the conference society may direct. She shall remit Division funds to the treasurer of the Division. She shall disburse cultivation fund in accord with approved recommendations from the Committee on Finance and upon the written order of the conference president and the conference recording secretary, and shall send itemized statements of all finances to these officers. She shall be bonded through the Division as it may determine. Her books shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant and the auditor's report presented to the conference society.

She shall serve as chairman of the Committee on Finance and as a member of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the conference. She shall report annually to the conference society.

Section 5. The **Secretary for Campus Ministry** shall promote the plans and program approved by the Division. She shall work in cooperation with the state, or similar region, student council of the Methodist Student Movement, with the state director of the Methodist Student Movement, and wherever possible with the Inter-conference Commission on College and University Religious Life.

She shall report annually to the conference society, receive reports from district secretaries for campus ministry and report to the jurisdiction secretary for campus ministry according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 6. The **Secretary of Christian Social Relations** shall develop and promote the work of the conference through district and local secretaries of Christian social relations and in cooperation with the chairman of Christian social relations for the conference guild. She shall make available plans and resources related to Christian social relations that strengthen and enrich the program of the conference or Inter-conference school of Christian mission in its total outreach. She shall share with other officers and secretaries in promoting the cooperation of Methodist women in the program of United Church Women.

She shall serve as chairman of the Committee on Christian Social Relations, be a member of the Committees on Finance and School of Christian Mission, and according to the **Discipline**, serve as a member of the Annual Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns and the Committee on Family Life if the annual conference organizes this committee. She shall report annually to the conference society, receive reports from the district secretaries of Christian social relations and report to the jurisdiction secretary of Christian social relations according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 7. The **Secretary of Membership Cultivation** shall work with the district secretaries and presidents in the implementation of plans of the Executive Committee of the Conference Society for Cultivation of Local Societies, for organization of new societies and for leadership development. The cultivation in local societies shall emphasize training of the local Committee on Membership.

She shall be a member of the Committees on Finance, School of Christian Mission and the Wesleyan Service Guild. She shall report annually to the conference society, receive reports from district secretaries of membership cultivation, and report to the jurisdiction secretary of membership cultivation according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 8. The **Secretary of Missionary Education and Service** shall keep informed on developments in the program of missionary outreach of the church through the projects of the World Division and the National Division. She shall provide information about the work of the Board of Missions for which the Woman's Division has assumed responsibility. She shall cooperate with interdenominational agencies engaged in missionary education. In cooperation with the vice-president and the secretaries of Christian social relations and spiritual life cultivation she shall promote study courses approved by the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation and the Woman's Division, and shall share in planning and promoting missionary conferences, school of Christian mission, seminars and workshops in the achievement of the purpose of the society. She shall keep in touch with missionaries and deaconesses from the conference and share in promoting missionary support. She shall keep informed and assist in plans for any proposed itineration of missionary speakers planned by the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation for the annual conference area. She shall make this information available through the district to the local groups.

She shall share with other officers and secretaries in promoting the cooperation of Methodist women in the program of United Church Women.

She shall be a member of the Committees on Finance and School of Christian mission and, according to the **Discipline**, serve on the annual conference Board of Missions and the Commission on Promotion and Cultivation. She shall report annually to the conference society, receive reports

from district secretaries of missionary education and service, and report to the jurisdiction secretary of missionary education and service according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 9. The Secretary of Missionary Personnel shall promote within the conference the work of recruiting and counseling prospective candidates for missionary and deaconess service in consultation with the secretaries of missionary personnel of the Board of Missions. She shall be responsible for giving information to district and local groups concerning the need for workers, requirements for missionary and deaconess service, available scholarship aids, literature on missionary personnel, and educational institutions preferred for study.

In conferences where the secretaries for campus ministry or of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference society are not co-opted on the Annual Conference Commission on Christian Vocations, the secretary of missionary personnel of the conference society shall, in addition to transmitting information through the regular channels, transmit information from the Annual Conference Commission on Christian Vocations to the secretaries for campus ministry and of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

According to the **Discipline**, she shall serve as a member of the Annual Conference Commission on Christian Vocations. She shall report annually to the conference society, receive reports from district secretaries of missionary personnel, and report to the jurisdiction secretary of missionary personnel according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 10. The Secretary of Program Materials shall be responsible for the display and the sale of program materials at meetings of the conference society. In cooperation with other officers and secretaries she shall make a study of the program materials, including audio-visual material, that have been approved by the Division and the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, and promote the use of these materials in the conference society. She shall promote the circulation of **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook** in cooperation with other responsible agencies of the church. She shall be a member of the Committee on School of Christian Mission.

She shall report annually to the conference society, receive reports from district secretaries of program materials and report to the jurisdiction secretary of program materials according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 11. The Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation shall endeavor to quicken the spiritual life of Methodist women. In cooperation with the Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation of the conference society, she shall seek to permeate the church with spiritual power which should lead to deeper consecration and more effective Christian service. She shall share with other officers and secretaries in promoting the cooperation of Methodist women in the program of United Church Women.

She shall serve as chairman of the Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation, be a member of the Committee on School of Christian Mission and, according to the **Discipline**, serve as a member of the Annual Conference Board of Evangelism. She shall report annually to the conference society, receive reports from the district secretaries of spiritual life cultivation, and report to the jurisdiction secretary of spiritual life cultivation according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 12. The Secretary of Supply Work shall be responsible for promoting interest in providing needed supplies to institutions and agencies at home and abroad for which the Division accepts responsibility. She shall receive annually from the jurisdiction secretary of supply work the approved list of needed supplies and she shall make distribution of these needs to the district secretaries of supply work. She shall receive a report of giving for supply work from the treasurer of the conference society.

She shall be a member of the Committee on Finance. She shall report annually to the conference society. Reports of giving for Supply Work should be included in the report of the treasurer.

Section 13. The **Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild** shall: be responsible for planning and presiding at meetings of the conference guild; promote the work of the guild within the conference; represent the guild and present its interests at the meetings of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service of which she shall be an official member; and present the annual cultivation budget of the guild to the Committee on Finance of the conference. She shall attend as far as possible district meetings of the guild.

She shall serve as chairman of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference, be a member of the Executive Committee and the Committees on Finance and School of Christian Mission of the conference society. She shall report annually to the conference society, receive reports of district secretaries of the Wesleyan Service Guild and report to the jurisdiction secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the executive secretary with responsibility for the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Division according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an **Executive Committee** of the conference society composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretaries of campus ministry, Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, missionary personnel, program materials, spiritual life cultivation, supply work, Wesleyan Service Guild; Chairmen of committees; the retiring conference president, who shall serve for one year; the resident Bishop, members of the Woman's Division and officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction society residing within the conference; the president of each district Woman's Society and such other persons specifically related to the work of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service as the conference society may determine; and the following ex-officio members who shall be without vote: the district treasurers, the district secretaries of membership cultivation, and the wife of the resident Bishop, who shall be an honorary vice-president. (The secretaries of children's work, missionary service, and youth work will continue on the executive committee through the 1964-1965 conference year.) A majority shall constitute a quorum. The Woman's Division shall provide for the expense of Division members to attend one executive meeting a year of their conference society.

This committee shall be the coordinating group for the total educational and promotional program in the conference, and shall determine the officer or secretary to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies occurring ad interim in officers or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations. (See Article VI, Section 2 of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild bylaws in regard to ad interim vacancies of the Guild.)

Section 2. The executive committee shall constitute from its membership an **Administrative Committee** of seven officers and secretaries who shall meet upon the call of the president, to transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the executive committee. The committee shall be composed of the president, who shall be chairman, the vice-president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and two other members. The executive committee shall be advised immediately of business transacted by the administrative committee.

Section 3. Three years or more of an unexpired term of a conference office shall constitute a full term of office.

ARTICLE III — Committees

Section 1. The conference society shall provide such committees as the needs require.

Section 2. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Meeting Program**, composed of the president, the vice-president, the recording secretary, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

Section 3. There shall be a **Committee on Christian Social Relations** composed of the conference secretary of Christian social relations as chairman, the chairman of Christian social relations for the conference guild, the district secretaries of Christian social relations, the members of the Section of Christian social relations of the Division residing within the conference serving as members ex-officio, and such co-opted members as may be needed. This committee shall meet annually at the time and place authorized by the conference society. It shall make plans and bring recommendations to the conference society for the strengthening and promotion of the total program of Christian social relations as defined in the constitution and bylaws.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer of the conference society as chairman, the president, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, supply work, and Wesleyan Service Guild; the treasurers of the district societies and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the conference society. This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall receive an annual cultivation budget request from the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Conference.

The committee shall study the strength of the societies and guilds in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to conference income and disbursements; local financial possibilities and problems; recommend to the conference society constructive plans for securing funds for conference and district cultivation; and assist by counsel in the forming of the conference pledge and cultivation budget and recommend it for approval.

Section 5. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations** composed of a chairman and four district presidents. The district members shall be rotated by districts as set forth in the Standing Rules of the Conference and shall serve for two years. When vacancies occur among the members of the committee, the successor in office shall fill the unexpired term.

The chairman shall be a person with background and experience in the work of the Woman's Society, who has served as a Conference officer and shall have served as a member of the Conference Executive Committee within four years prior to her election. She shall be nominated by the Executive Committee of the Conference Woman's Society and elected at the Annual Meeting. The term of office shall be four years.

It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to find specially qualified women in the conference who may serve as officers, secretaries, chairmen of committee (except those committees which elect their chairman) and members of the Committee on Nominations. The Committee shall submit to the Conference Society for election an equal number of nominations for each office (one or two). Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 6. There shall be a **Committee on School of Christian Mission** with a dean, elected annually by the committee, who shall also serve as chairman of the committee. The office of dean shall be rotated among the members of the committee with no one serving more than two years in succession.

Other members of the committee shall be the president, the vice-president, the secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, spiritual life cultivation, Wesleyan Service Guild, and such other members as may be authorized by the executive committee of the conference society. This committee shall plan and promote a Conference School of Christian Mission which shall give emphasis to the world mission of the Christian Church through an integrated program of missionary education, Christian social relations, spiritual life cultivation and program building, and which shall train leadership for the promotion of the total program program the Society and Guild.

The officers and secretaries of the conference society and the chairmen of the conference guild shall have the opportunity of attending a Regional School of Christian Mission annually at conference expense.

Section 7. There shall be a **Committee on Spiritual Life Cultivation** of which the secretary of spiritual life cultivation shall serve as chairman. This committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movements of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living; it shall promote Christian stewardship, special studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. This committee shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Conference Society regarding resources and opportunities which will help in the realization of the purpose of the society.

Section 8. There shall be a **Committee on Missionary Personnel** composed of the conference secretaries of missionary personnel, campus ministry, membership cultivation, Wesleyan Service Guild, the district secretaries of missionary personnel, and the women members of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions residing within the conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be co-opted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards of candidates for the types of Service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making application to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgment of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall cooperate in making plans for visitation within the conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of missionary personnel to the jurisdiction.

Section 9. There shall be a **Committee on Constitution and Bylaws** consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the annual report a copy of the Bylaws adopted by the Conference, and the Standing Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by the executive committee.

Section 10. (a) An **Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work**, whose chairman shall be chosen by the Executive Committee, shall be set up to help in planning and interpreting the work of the conference where there are one or more church and community workers. It shall be composed of the president of the Conference Society, the secretary of missionary education, the chairman of the Board of Missions of the Annual Conference, one of the three area council directors, the chairman of the Town and Country Commission, the district superintendents of the districts in which church and community workers are located, and one or more members at large. The executive secretary of the Town and Country Bureau of the Woman's Division shall be an ex-officio member of the Committee. Other persons may be added who will be helpful to the committee in line with the the recommendations from the Handbook for Advisory Committee for Town and Country Work. While the committee may make recommendations, the actual decision as to the area in which the Church and Community Worker shall serve rests with the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. The church and community worker shall report quarterly to the Committee on Town and Country Work.

(b) There shall be set up in each district where there is a church and community worker a **District Advisory Committee**, composed of the members of the Conference Advisory Committee residing in the district, one or more ministers of the churches served by the worker, and any additional members which the Conference Advisory Committee suggests. This committee shall prepare for, plan with, and guide the worker and shall recommend annually to the executive committee of the conference the advisability of continuing the work for another year.

Section 11. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Report** composed of the recording secretary, who shall be chairman, the president, the treasurer, the secretary of membership cultivation, and the secretary of the

Wesleyan Service Guild. It shall be the duty of this committee to edit and publish the Annual Report of the Conference Society.

Section 12. There shall be a **Committee on Place of Meeting** composed of three members, the chairman of which shall be a conference officer or secretary. These members shall be appointed by the Administrative Committee and will serve for a quadrennium. It shall be the duty of the committee to select suitable meeting places for the Mid-Year and Annual Meetings of the Woman's Society and report to the Executive Committee their availability one year in advance of the meeting. Whenever possible the committee shall alternate the meetings between northern and southern parts of the state.

Section 13. There shall be a **Committee on Cooperative Youth Work** composed of the conference secretary of youth work, who shall be the chairman, the conference director of youth work, and the secretaries of campus ministry and missionary personnel. The committee may co-opt additional members as the need arises.

It shall be the duty of the committee to study the needs of youth, especially in the areas of Missionary Education and Christian Vocations, and to develop a correlated program of study and action to meet these needs. The committee shall consider the total programs of the Conference Methodist Youth Fellowship and the Methodist Student Organization and make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning opportunities and plans for cooperation with these organizations. It shall recommend to the districts plans for a unified approach to the total program of work with youth and their adult leaders.

ARTICLE IV — Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the conference, shall be elected as conference officers or secretaries.

The officers and secretaries shall be elected biennially for a term of four years. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years with the possible exception of the treasurer, who may serve eight years.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the following shall be elected at the annual meeting the second year of the quadrennium: a president, a treasurer, a secretary of campus ministry, a secretary of missionary personnel.

At the annual meeting of the fourth year of the quadrennium the following shall be elected: a vice-president, a recording secretary, a secretary of Christian social relations, a secretary of membership cultivation, a secretary of missionary education, a secretary of program materials, a secretary of spiritual life cultivation, and a secretary of supply work.

Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

(a) Where there is only one nominee, the election shall be by voice.

Section 2. Conference officers, secretaries and the committee on nominations shall take office June 1. The outgoing officers shall make the annual report.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the committee on nominations.

Section 4. At the last annual meeting of the quadrennium the conference society shall elect six representatives from the conference, three of whom shall be conference officers or secretaries, for membership in the jurisdiction society, all of whom shall serve for four years.

(a) The three officers shall be the president, the treasurer and the secretary of membership cultivation. The other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur during the quadrennium among the designated officers, the successor in the office shall be the conference representative.

- (c) Four reserve delegates from the conference officers shall be elected.
- (d) If and when vacancies occur among the offices elected by name, the reserve delegates, in the order elected, shall replace them.
- (e) Election shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 5. At the annual meeting of the conference society preceding the last annual meeting in the quadrennium of the jurisdiction society, the conference society shall nominate three women for membership on the Board of Missions, the names to be sent to the Jurisdiction Society. The Conference Society shall also nominate one woman to serve as alternate. This reserve alternate shall be nominated in the same manner as the nominees and her name retained by the Conference society. If there is need to substitute the name of the alternate when there has been withdrawal by a nominee, the name of the alternate shall be added after the last named nominee.

Section 6. At an annual or executive committee meeting of the conference society, at least six months preceding the Assembly, delegates to the Assembly shall be elected as follows: the conference president, one other conference officer or secretary, the conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, or her representative, and one delegate from each district. (See district bylaws, Article IV, Elections, Section 4, concerning election of delegate.)

ARTICLE V — Funds

Section 1. The conference society shall make an annual pledge to the Woman's Division.

Section 2. All undirected missionary gifts shall be divided in the office of the treasurer of the Division on a basis agreed upon by the Division. There shall be no division of missionary funds by the conference treasurer.

Section 3. Gifts for missionary projects, clearly specified, shall be sent to the Conference treasurer who shall transmit them to the treasurer of the Division through the regular channels.

Section 4. Funds contributed for Special Memberships and "In Remembrance" gifts are a part of regular pledges on appropriations and may not be directed by the Conference Society.

Section 5. Beginning in 1960-61 an amount up to fifteen per cent (15%) of the pledge to the Woman's Division may be set aside each year by the treasurer of the conference society for cultivation in the conference. Expenses of officers, speakers at annual meetings, expenses of executive committee meetings, expenses of delegates to the annual meeting of the Jurisdiction Woman's Society, expenses of conference delegates to the Assembly, expenses for promotional and educational work of the conference society shall be paid from this cultivation fund. All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the conference work shall revert to the general fund.

There shall be one cultivation fund for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, the records of receipts from each group to be kept separate on the treasurer's books.

Section 6. One-half of one per cent per adult member of the conference society shall be sent by the conference treasurer to the Woman's Division for the Division Cultivation Fund.

Section 7. The offering received from the observance of a Call to Prayer and Self Denial shall be sent to the conference treasurer who in turn will channel it to the treasurer of the Division to be applied to the objects designated each year by the Division.

Section 8. All orders on the treasury must be approved by the Conference President and Recording Secretary.

ARTICLE VI — Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to these bylaws may be made by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Woman's Division, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to all members of the Division by the executive committee or by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws of the Division.

Proposed amendments to the bylaws shall be sent to the recording secretary of the Division for presentation to the Division.

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by majority vote at any annual meeting of the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, provided a thirty-day notice is given in writing to the executive committee of the conference, or to the standing committee on Constitution and Bylaws and provided they are in harmony with the Division constitution and bylaws for the Conference Society. Copies shall be made for distribution to delegates.

BYLAWS OF THE DISTRICT WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Revised, 1964, To Conform to Changes
Made in District Bylaws by the Woman's Division

The Constitution and Bylaws of District Societies will be found in Constitution and Bylaws of the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

ARTICLE I — Officers and Secretaries

Section 1. The **President** shall actively advance all interests of the work and sign, with the recording secretary, all orders on the treasury. She shall preside at all meetings of the district society and of the Executive and Administrative Committees, and perform such other duties as are usual to a presiding officer. She shall be a member ex-officio of all committees, except the Committee on Nominations, and a member of the Executive Committee of the conference society. She shall present the work at district conferences and institutes as called for by the district superintendent.

Section 2. The **Vice-President** shall actively assist in promoting the interests of the society and, in the absence of the president, shall perform the duties of that office. She shall be responsible for assisting in promoting plans and methods for the use and development of program materials as related to the duties of the Committee on Program in the local society. She shall share in the interpretation and promotion of the World Federation of Methodist Women and, with other officers and secretaries share in promoting the cooperation of Methodist women in the program of United Church Women. She shall perform such other duties as the district society may require.

She shall be a member of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program. She shall report annually to the district society, receive reports from the vice-presidents of local societies and report to the conference vice-president according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 3. The **Recording Secretary** shall keep a permanent record of all meetings of the district society and of the Executive and Administrative Committees. She shall send minutes of Executive and Administrative Committee meetings to each officer and secretary. She shall send to the members notices of all regular and special meetings of the district society and of the Executive Committee. She shall present recommendations of the Executive Committee to the society and notify all committees of their appointments. She shall, with the president, sign all orders on the treasury. At the time of an election of officers and secretaries she shall send their names and addresses to the conference recording secretary. She shall be a member of the Committee on Annual Meeting Program.

Section 4. The **Treasurer** shall receive monthly or quarterly, as the conference society may determine, the funds to be remitted to the Division and funds for cultivation purposes from the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the local churches of the district. She shall remit Division funds and such cultivation funds as the conference society may authorize to the treasurer of the conference society. She shall disburse district cultivation funds in accordance with approved recommendation from the Committee on Finance and upon the written order of the president and the recording secretary, and shall send itemized statements of all finances to these officers. She shall be bonded through the Division as it may determine. Her books shall be audited annually by a certified public accountant and the auditor's report presented to the district society.

She shall serve as chairman of the Committee on Finance and as a member of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the district. She shall report annually to the district society.

Section 5. The **Secretary for Campus Ministry** shall promote the plans and program approved by the Division in cooperation with the secretary for campus ministry of the conference society.

She shall report annually to the district society, receive reports from local secretaries for campus ministry and report to the conference secretary for campus ministry according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 6. The **Secretary of Christian Social Relations** shall develop and promote the work of the district through local secretaries of Christian social relations and in cooperation with the chairman of Christian social relations for the district guild. She shall make available plans and resources related to the Christian social relations that strengthen and enrich the total program of the district. She shall share in joint planning and promotion of churchwide responsibilities and with other officers and secretaries, share in promoting the cooperation of Methodist women in the program of United Church Women.

She shall be a member of the Committee on Finance and, according to the **Discipline**, serve as a member of the Committee on Christian Social Concerns if this committee is organized within the district. She shall report annually to the district society, receive reports from local secretaries of Christian social relations and report to the conference secretary of Christian social relations according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 7. The **Secretary of Membership Cultivation** shall work with the secretaries and presidents in the implementation of plans of the executive committee of the district society for cultivation of local societies, for organization of new societies and for leadership development. The cultivation in local societies shall emphasize training of the local committee on membership.

She shall be a member of the Committees on Finance and the Wesleyan Service Guild. She shall report annually to the district society, receive reports from local secretaries of membership cultivation and report to the conference secretary of membership cultivation according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 8. The **Secretary of Missionary Education and Service** shall keep informed on developments in the program of missionary outreach of the church through the projects of the World Division and the National Division. She shall provide information about the work of the Board of Missions for which the Woman's Division has assumed responsibility. She shall cooperate with interdenominational agencies engaged in missionary education. In cooperation with the vice-president and the secretaries of Christian social relations and spiritual life cultivation she shall promote study courses approved by the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation and the Woman's Division, and shall share in planning and promoting missionary conferences, schools of Christian mission, seminars and workshops in the achievement of the purpose of the society. She shall keep in touch with

missionaries and deaconesses from the district or conference and share in promoting missionary support. She shall keep informed and assist in plans for any proposed itineration of missionary speakers planned by the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation for the annual conference area. She shall make this information available to the local societies.

She shall share with other officers and secretaries in promoting the cooperation of Methodist women in the program of United Church Women. She shall be a member of the Committee on Finance. She shall report annually to the district society, receive reports from local secretaries of missionary education and service and report to the conference secretary of missionary education and service according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 9. The Secretary of Missionary Personnel shall create an awareness of personnel needs, counsel youth, and channel names of prospective candidates to the conference secretary of missionary personnel.

She shall report annually to the district society and report to the conference secretary of missionary personnel according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 10. The Secretary of Program Materials shall be responsible for the display and sale of program materials at meetings of the district society. In cooperation with other officers and secretaries she shall make a study of the program materials, including audio-visual material, that have been approved by the Division and the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, and promote the use of these materials in the district society. She shall promote the circulation of *The Methodist Woman* and *World Outlook* in cooperation with other responsible agencies of the church.

She shall report annually to the district society, receive reports from local secretaries of program materials and report to the conference secretary of program materials according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 11. The Secretary of Spiritual Life Cultivation shall endeavor to quicken the spiritual life of Methodist women and shall seek to permeate the church with spiritual power which should lead to deeper consecration and more effective Christian service. She shall share with other officers and secretaries in promoting the cooperation of Methodist women in the program of United Church Women.

She shall report annually to the district society, receive reports from local secretaries of spiritual life cultivation and report to the conference secretary of spiritual life cultivation according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

Section 12. The Secretary of Supply Work shall be responsible for promoting interest in providing needed supplies to institutions and agencies at home and abroad for which the Division accepts responsibility. She shall receive annually from the conference secretary of supply work the approved list of needed supplies and she shall make distribution of these needs to the secretaries of supply work in the local societies. She shall receive a report of giving for supply work from the treasurer of the district society.

She shall be a member of the Committee on Finance. She shall report annually to the district society. Reports of giving for supply work shall be included in the report of the treasurer.

Section 13. The Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall: be responsible for planning and presiding at meetings of the district guild; promote the work of the guild within the district; represent the guild and present its interests at the meetings of the district Woman's Society of Christian Service of which she shall be an official member; present the annual cultivation budget of the guild to the Committee on Finance of the district; and have responsibility for district members of the guild. She shall attend as far as possible unit meetings of the guild in the local churches.

She shall serve as chairman of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the district, be a member of the Executive Committee and the Committee on Finance of the district society. She shall report annually to the district society, receive reports from the secretaries of membership cultivation of the units of the guild in the local churches, and report to the conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild according to the reporting pattern of the Division.

ARTICLE II — Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an **Executive Committee** of the district society composed of officers, secretaries and chairmen of committees of the district society; zone leaders; members of the Woman's Division and the officers and secretaries of the jurisdiction and conference societies who are members of the district society; and the district superintendent. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

This committee shall meet prior to the meeting of the district society, shall consider the advance plans projected by the conference society, make recommendations to the district society for carrying forward these plans, and shall determine the officer or secretary to be responsible for publicity. Vacancies ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the Committee on Nominations.

Section 2. The executive committee shall constitute from its membership an **Administrative Committee** of seven officers and secretaries who shall meet upon call of the president, to transact only necessary business between meetings of the executive committee.

ARTICLE III — Committees

Section 1. The district society shall provide such committees as the needs may require, under the guidance of the conference society.

Section 2. There shall be a **Committee on Annual Meeting Program** composed of the president, the vice president, the recording secretary, and such other members as may be needed. The committee shall elect its chairman annually.

Section 3. There shall be a **Committee on Finance** composed of the treasurer of the district, as chairman, the president, secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, supply work, Wesleyan Service Guild, and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the district society. This committee shall meet at least semi-annually, and on call of the chairman. It shall receive an annual cultivation budget request from the Wesleyan Service Guild of the district.

The committee shall study the strength of the societies and guilds in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed as to district income and disbursements, local financial possibilities and problems; assist by counsel in the forming of the district pledge and cultivation budget; and cooperate with the conference society in promoting and supporting the total financial program of the Woman's Division.

Section 4. There shall be a **Committee on Nominations** elected in the annual meeting of the district society whose duty it shall be to find specially qualified women in the district who may serve as officers, secretaries, chairmen of committees, except those committees which elect their own chairman, and members of the Committee on Nominations. The committee shall submit these nominations to the district society for election.

ARTICLE IV — Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the district, or who are actively participating members of churches within the bounds of the district shall be elected as district officers or secretaries. The district society shall determine the method of election of its officers.

District officers and secretaries shall be elected for a term of two years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office. No officer or secretary shall hold the same office for more than four consecutive years, with the possible exception of the treasurer, who may serve eight years. One year or more of an unexpired term shall constitute a full term, with the privilege of re-election.

To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, the offices shall be divided into two groups, with the election of one group each year. Group number one shall be composed of: a president, a treasurer, secretaries of campus ministry and missionary personnel. Group number two shall be composed of: a vice-president, a recording secretary, secretaries of Christian social relations, membership cultivation, missionary education and service, program materials, spiritual life cultivation, and supply work.

Section 2. The term of all officers, secretaries and the committee on nominations shall begin June 1. The outgoing officer shall make the annual report.

Section 3. Vacancies occurring ad interim in offices or chairmen of committees of the society shall be filled by the executive committee upon the nomination of the committee on nominations.

Section 4. At an annual executive committee meeting at least six months preceding the Assembly, one delegate shall be elected from each district by the district executive committee, who shall be a district officer or secretary. The expense of the district representative shall be paid by the District.

Section 5. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. A leader for each zone shall be elected by her respective zone for a term of two years with the privilege of re-election for one additional term. The number of zone meetings to be held during the year and program for same shall be determined by the district executive committee. An offering may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the district treasurer.

ARTICLE V — Cultivation Funds

Section 1. Each district shall set up a fund for district cultivation and expenses according to its needs, secured through a plan recommended by the conference Committee on Finance and approved by the conference society.

(a) Each local society shall include in its budget for district cultivation an amount equal to fifteen cents (15c) per member, to be remitted to the district treasurer.

(b) District treasurers shall set aside funds each year for the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly.

ARTICLE VI — Amendments and Additional Bylaws

Section 1. (See Article 6, Amendments and Additional Bylaws, Conference Society.)

Section 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the District Woman's Society provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division constitution and bylaws for the district society.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

3. Courtesies shall be limited to ten minutes before the noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. Thirty days before the Annual Meeting the Conference recording secretary shall send to the president of each society in the conference registration cards, which she will fill in with the names of the delegates and, with check covering meals, mail immediately to the chairman of Registration in the society entertaining the Annual Meeting.

2. Representation at Annual Meetings of the Conference shall be one delegate for each hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each society, however small, shall have one delegate.

3. The membership at an annual meeting shall be composed of the following persons who have the privilege of voting: the executive committee, all local delegates, the wife of the resident Bishop, all past conference presidents, the chairman of the Deaconess Board, all district officers and secretaries, and all zone leaders.

4. The hostess society for the Annual Meeting shall provide homes for the Conference Executive Committee and delegates from societies with 20 members or less. Hotel accommodations shall be arranged for delegates from societies with more than 20 members, the expenses to be paid by their societies.

5. The conference shall pay expenses of the conference president, the recording secretary, the treasurer and the chairman of Annual Meeting Program at a hotel during Annual Meeting.

6. A half hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of the Conference shall be devoted to worship.

7. A typist shall be supplied at the Annual Meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

8. The Program Committee shall meet during or immediately following the Annual Meeting to consider plans for selecting speakers for the next Annual Meeting. Whenever possible, speakers who come from a distance shall be secured to address both the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

9. The conference president may attend the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division of Christian Service either her first or second year of office at conference expense.

10. Each officer shall render to the conference treasurer quarterly itemized statements covering office expense. Itemized expense accounts may be submitted in advance of expenditures or afterwards.

11. Conference officers are expected to provide postage for all communications from the Conference officers, such as circulars, letters, literature, etc., that go to the corresponding officers of the District or local society.

12. It is against the policy of the Woman's Division of Christian Service: (a) to endorse and promote through its channels plans from business concerns to help local societies of Christian Service to make profits by selling their products; (b) to release lists of officers to any organization or commercial firm.

13. Since the Woman's Society has a definite responsibility for support of the program of the Woman's Division, the Louisiana Conference wishes to point out that it is not the responsibility of the Woman's Society officers at the Conference or District level to seek contributions from the Woman's Societies' treasuries for the support of projects which are the responsibility of the Annual Conference or the District of the Church.

14. Transportation by car for conference officers on official business shall be allowed five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever pos-

sible. When conference and district officers of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expenses of the car; the conference officer charging her pro rata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

15. A sum not to exceed \$300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations for the promotion of this department of work in the conference.

16. In each year where there is a surplus from Cultivation Funds, an amount up to \$300.00, the exact amount to be determined by the Committee on Finance, shall be set aside as Designated Funds to be used for recruitment. The limit to the fund shall be decided by the Administrative Committee.

17. An amount not to exceed \$3000.00 may be raised on the local level by freewill offerings at the rate of 25 cents per member to be allocated toward the salary of a Youth Worker on the staff of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

18. When death occurs among members of the executive committee, or to relatives living within the homes of executive committee members, a remembrance gift of \$5.00 may be sent as a memorial.

19. When young women from the Louisiana Conference are commissioned as Deaconesses or as Missionaries, a gift of \$25.00 shall be presented them and a Special Membership given in their honor. When missionaries return to the field after furlough, an additional \$25.00 is to be given them.

20. Conference officers in the pattern attending the Jurisdiction School of Missions are each allowed \$10.00 subsidy from the Woman's Division and/or the Jurisdiction. District officers substituting for conference officers in the same line of work and meeting all requirements will be allowed the subsidy.

21. Expenses of one car from each district to the Conference School of Missions will be paid by the conference from the point where car pool originates. The district will assume expenses of persons to the place car pool originates.

22. A subsidy of \$9.00 per person shall be paid all the district officers of the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild and conference chairmen of lines of work of the Wesleyan Service Guild in the quadrennial pattern attending and meeting the requirements of work of the Conference School of Missions.

23. A **Committee on Journal** shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the president and the recording secretary.

24. The conference recording secretary shall have printed in the Annual Report a mailing list, according to categories, to whom the Annual Report is to be sent.

25. Standing Committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Annual Meeting. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

26. There shall be a District committee to visit home institutions within the bounds of the District, composed of the District Treasurer, and the District Secretary of Supply Work.

27. A retiring Conference officer or secretary who has served a full term may be given an honorary membership; one who has served a second term may receive a special membership of higher denomination than one

already held, or a gift to missions may be made in her honor; one who has served less than a full term may have a gift to missions made in her honor, the amount to be determined by the Committee on Finance.

28. The Committee on Constitution and Bylaws shall have the authority to incorporate in the conference and district bylaws any changes made by the Woman's Division.

29. A conference-wide training school for district officers and secretaries shall be held every two years if finances permit.

30. Rotation of district presidents for membership on the Committee on Nominations shall be as follows: Group 1—Lake Charles, New Orleans. Ruston, Shreveport; Group 2—Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Monroe.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the District treasurer and a period report to the secretary of Promotion.

2. In order that the society entertaining the Annual Meeting may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, meals shall be served by an outside agency.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, that society may elect its zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The president of the society shall be responsible for the calling of an Executive meeting the last of each period, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the District officers.

6. The treasurer of each local society shall send a copy of the total budget to the District treasurer not later than July 15.

7. The Secretary of Membership Cultivation in each society shall send the Memorial Roll to the Secretary of Membership Cultivation of the District not later than March 10.

8. Societies having the Circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

9. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegates at the first meeting of the society after the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society.

10. All monies remaining in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, except those designated for local work, shall be sent to the District treasurer to be channeled by her to the Conference treasurer.

11. All appeals for funds outside the institutions and agencies of the Woman's Division shall be referred to the committee on Finance before being presented to the society.

12. District, Conference and Jurisdiction officers shall be members of the Executive Committee of their local societies.

13. A contribution of 25c per member may be sent annually through regular channels for the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation.

14. Officers should be elected in February. Those elected shall assume their duties the first of June.

**MAILING LIST FOR TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT
LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY**

1963 - 1964

Division:

General Secretary of Woman's Division
President of the Woman's Division
Woman's Division Members in Louisiana
Executive Secretaries of Department of Work in Home Fields
Executive Secretary Wesleyan Service Guild

Jurisdiction:

South Central Jurisdiction President and Guild Secretary
Presidents and Recording Secretaries of each Conference in Jurisdiction
Jurisdiction officers residing in Louisiana

Conference:

Past president of Louisiana Conference
Louisiana conference officers and those recently retired
Chairmen of Committees not otherwise included in list
Members of Conference nominating committee.
Guild: conference secretary, recording secretary, and chairmen of lines of work

District:

All district officers and secretaries
5 copies to each district secretary of membership cultivation
Guild district secretaries and chairmen

Local:

Woman's Society local presidents and zone leaders
Guild local presidents

Missionaries, Deaconesses, and Workers:

Directors of Projects under Woman's Division in Louisiana
Missionaries from Louisiana in Foreign Field
Deaconesses, Contract Workers and U.S. 2's from Louisiana Conference
Retired missionaries and deaconesses from Louisiana

Miscellaneous:

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton
LOUISIANA METHODIST, editor
Office of Methodist Information
Editor of GUILD TIMES
Louisiana Youth Commission
2 copies to Centenary College Library
Editor of LOUISIANA CONFERENCE NEWS
Secretary of Louisiana Conference
8 District Superintendents
Office of Area Council
Executive Secretary, South Central Jurisdiction

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

THE METHODIST CHURCH



Annual Meeting Held at

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Lafayette, Louisiana

March 14-15, 1964

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

DIVISION

Executive Secretary ----- Miss Lillian A. Johnson, 475 Riverside Dr.,
New York 27, New York

SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction Secretary ----- Mrs. Hazel Dabney, 202 W. 18th St.,
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Recording Secretary ----- Miss Zelma Cook, 715 Martha,
Lufkin, Texas

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ----- Miss Catherine Whitmore, 6012 Tracy,
Kansas City, Missouri

Missionary Education and Service ----- Mrs. A. B. (Sallie) Lewis,
P. O. Box 486, Bandera, Texas

Program Materials ----- Mrs. Rachel Jones, 712 E. Francis St.,
Pampa, Texas

Spiritual Life ----- Mrs. Savola Shackleford, 407 Oldham St.,
Waxahachie, Texas

Supply Work ----- Miss Charlene Houts, 5204 Madison,
Lincoln 4, Nebraska

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

President of Woman's Society of Christian Service

Mrs. George W. Dameron ----- 112 Redd Drive, Pineville

Bishop of Louisiana Area

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton ---- 1715 American Bank Bldg., New Orleans 12

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD COMMITTEE**

Conference Secretary ----- Miss Arline Tyler, 702 E. Washington,
Shreveport 71104

Recording Secretary ----- Miss Maree White, 276 W. Cheney St.,
Opelousas 70570

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ----- Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, P. O. Box 555, Bunkie

Missionary Education and Service ----- Mrs. C. G. Mainous, 456 Marion Dr.,
Baton Rouge 70806

Program Materials ----- Miss Grace Lawson, P. O. Box 241, Welsh 70591

Spiritual Life ----- Miss Mildred Evans, 2 Chatham Dr., New Orleans 70122

Supply Work ----- Miss Dorothy Dunbar, P. O. Box 281, Opelousas 70570

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Monroe 71201

District Secretaries

Alexandria ----- Miss Marie Pace, 18 Louisiana Ave., Alexandria

Baton Rouge ----- Miss Gail Howard, 4215 Sherwood Dr., Baton Rouge 70805

Lafayette ----- Mrs. Louis Soileau, 224 Natchez, Opelousas

Lake Charles ----- Miss Laura Lynch, 100 W. North St., Leesville

Monroe ----- Mrs. M. W. Phillips, P. O. Box 50, Mer Rouge

New Orleans ----- Mrs. Milton Baldrige, 813 Haring Rd., Metairie 70001

Ruston ----- Miss Sue Batton, P. O. Box 249, Minden

Shreveport ----- Miss Sybil Kelly, 3008 Greenwood Rd., Shreveport 71109

Members of Woman's Society of Christian Service on Guild Committee

Mrs. George W. Dameron ----- 112 Redd Dr., Pineville 71360

Mrs. Max L. Clayton ----- 7100 Sixth St., New Orleans 70123

Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher ----- P. O. Box 24193, New Orleans 70124

Mrs. George H. Thomas ----- 1228 Myrtle Pl., Lafayette 70501

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Mrs. Glenn Laskey ----- 710 N. Vienna, Ruston

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Administrative: Miss Arline Tyler, Chairman

Miss Maree White
Mrs. Milton Baldrige

Miss Mildred Evans
Mrs. Alvin Sandefur

Budget: Mrs. Carl A. Gallaher, Chairman

Mrs. G. W. Dameron
Miss Elizabeth Langford

Miss Arline Tyler
Miss Grace Lawson

Bylaws and Standing Rules: Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman

Miss Arline Tyler
Mrs. G. W. Dameron

Miss Maree White
Miss Dorothy Dunbar

Nominations: Miss Marilynn Carter, Chairman

Mrs. Ruth Baker
Mrs. Helen Adams Preston

Mrs. Ruth B. Travis
Miss Ruby Craton

Program: Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Chairman

Miss Dorothy Dunbar
Miss Mildred Evans
Miss Grace Lawson
Mrs. C. G. Mainous

Miss Arline Tyler
Miss Maree White
Miss Sybil Kelly

DISTRICT OFFICERS AND LOCAL PRESIDENTS WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

District Secretary ----- Miss Marie Pace, 18 La. Ave., Alexandria
Recording Secretary ----- Mrs. Elva Doyle, 229 24th St., Alexandria

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ----- Miss Louise Jones, 204 Ware St., Pineville
Missionary Education ----- Mrs. Ruth Russell Allen, Center St., Winnfield
Program Materials ----- Miss Isabel Dean, Colfax
Spiritual Life Cultivation -- Mrs. Janice Richardson, P. O. Box 596, Bunkie
Supply Work ----- Mrs. Bessie Rollo, 2029 Kelly St., Alexandria

Local Presidents

Alexandria:

First Church ----- Mrs. Grace Brasher, 5807 England Dr., Alexandria
Trinity ----- Mrs. Elva Doyle, 229 24th St., Alexandria
Bunkie ----- Mrs. Celeste Johnson, 300 N. Weir St., Bunkie
Colfax ----- Mrs. Irene Wampler, Colfax
Jena -----
Montgomery ----- Mrs. E. C. Erwin, Montgomery
Natchitoches ----- Mrs. Clyde Vienne, 105 Rowena Natchitooches
Oakdale ----- Mrs. Walter Lyles, Oakdale
Pineville ----- Miss Louise Jones, 204 Ware, Pineville
Pollock ----- Mrs. Guynes Gorham, Pollock
Winnfield ----- Mrs. Ranel Brody, Jr.,
Lennox (Treemont Addition) Winnfield

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

District Secretary ----- Miss Gail Howard, 4215 Sherwood Dr.,
Baton Rouge 70805
Recording Secretary ----- Mrs. Kenneth McKnight, 4440 W. Brookstown,
Baton Rouge

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ----- Mrs. Audrey Smith, 1504 N. Columbia,
Bogalusa
Missionary Education ----- Mrs. C. G. Mainous, 456 Marion Dr., Baton Rouge
Program Materials ----- Miss Flora Burris, Franklinton
Spiritual Life Cultivation ----- Mrs. Betty Denham, 8722 Chandler Dr.,
Baton Rouge
Supply Work ----- Miss Lillian Kennedy, 5128 S. Howell Ave., Baton Rouge

Local Presidents

Amite ----- Mrs. C. V. Johnston, 415 E. Oak, Amite
Baton Rouge:
First Church:
Emma Mainous ----- Miss Marjorie Cox, 4075 Churchill Ave.,
Baton Rouge
Ruth McConnell ----- Miss Geraldine Wall, 2181 Cloverdale,
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Ingleside ----- Mrs. S. G. Quillian, 3634 Courtland Dr., Baton Rouge
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Baton Rouge
Unit I ----- Mrs. Allen Matheny, 3008 Main, Baton Rouge
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Hammond ----- Mrs. Vesta Rownd, 311 E. Charles, Hammond
Jackson ----- Mrs. Bertha Kent, Jackson
Kentwood ----- Mrs. Norma Sanders, Kentwood
Ponchatoula ----- Mrs. Sybil Miller, 280 N. Fourth St., Ponchatoula

LAFAYETTE DISTRICT

District Secretary ----- Mrs. Louis Soileau, 224 Natchez Blvd., Opelousas
Recording Secretary ----- Miss Marilyn Carter, P. O. Box 942, Opelousas

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ----- Mrs. Ernestine Briley, 331 Country Club Dr.,
New Iberia
Missionary Education ----- Mrs. Inza Curtis, 311 E. North St., Rayne
Spiritual Life Cultivation ----- Miss Hermine Tate, 142 Clark Court, Lafayette
Supply Work ----- Mrs. Inez Hurst, 727 Wood, Houma

Local Presidents

Abbeville ----- Miss Elizabeth Carter, P. O. Box 181, Abbeville
 Crowley ----- Mrs. Nancy M. Lyons, 704 N. Ave. J., Crowley
 Houma ----- Mrs. Inez Hurst, 727 Wood, Houma
 Lafayette ----- Miss Effie Whittington, 126 Dunreath, Lafayette
 New Iberia ----- Mrs. Ernestine Briley, 331 Country Club Dr., New Iberia
 Opelousas ----- Miss Florence McKinnon, 356 S. Lombard, Opelousas
 Rayne ----- Mrs. Alma Devillier, 104 N. Cunningham, Rayne

LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

District Secretary ----- Miss Laura Lynch, 100 West North St., Leesville
 Recording Secretary ---- Mrs. H. M. (Nell) Small, 706 Kings Rd., Leesville

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ---- Mrs. Eunice Comeaux, Box 687, Lake Arthur
 Missionary Education ----- Miss Velma Lea Hair, Rt. 3, Box 199, Kaplan
 Spiritual Life Cultivation -- Mrs. Rosa McCollough, 524 Magnolia, DeRidder
 Supply Work ----- Mrs. Eva Stocking, Welsh

Local Presidents

DeQuincy:
 Aline Kroger ----- Mrs. Charlie Carlson, 611 East Center, DeQuincy
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 Susie Jones ----- Mrs. Louis Blankenbaker, 184 A, Lee Ave., DeRidder
 Gueydan ----- Mrs. Harris Johnston, 1104 Third Street, Gueydan
 Jennings ----- Miss May Shafer, 522 East Plaquemine St., Jennings
 Lake Arthur ----- Mrs. Eunice Comeaux, Lake Arthur
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 First Church, Julia Reid ----- Mrs. Velma Thomas, 1629 8th Street,
 Lake Charles
 Simpson ----- Miss Kathryn Bower, 409 Prewitt St., Lake Charles
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 Lake Charles
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 Maplewood: Vela Cleveland ----- Mrs. Elize Thomason, 106 Ann Street,
 Maplewood
 Vinton ----- Mrs. Bernice Lynch, P. O. Box 175, Vinton
 Welsh ----- Mrs. Eva Stocking, Welsh

MONROE DISTRICT

District Secretary ----- Mrs. Janie H. Phillips, Box 50, Mer Rouge
 Recording Secretary ----- Mrs. Fred Moss, Mer Rouge

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations ----- Mrs. Minza Rabun, 504 Jackson, Bastrop
 Missionary Education ----- Mrs. Willis Ward, 523 Travis, West Monroe
 Spiritual Life Cultivation -- Mrs. J. Douglas Hudson, 411 Frederick, Monroe
 Supply Work ----- Miss Elizabeth Kessinger, Mer Rouge

Local Presidents

Bastrop ----- Mrs. Ollie Neal, 219 Division Ave., Bastrop
 Bonita ----- Mrs. Jean Culbertson, Bonita
 Columbia ----- Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hodges, Columbia
 Lake Providence ----- Mrs. Eloise Edwards, Lake Providence

Monroe:

Unit No. 1 _____ Mrs. A. B. Potter, 704 Hilton, Monroe

Elizabeth Langford Mrs. Lavelle Ivy, Columbia Road, Monroe

Gordon Avenue ----- Mrs. Lucille Durham, 314 Pargoud Dr., Monroe

Memorial Methodist ----- Mrs. Mary Louise Williams, 803 Cole Ave.

Monroe

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Rayville _____ Mrs. Leon Eggers, Rayville

Sterlington-Fairbanks _____ Mrs. Betty Hunley, Sterlington

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Tallulah ----- Miss Cary Breckinridge, Tallulah

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Winnsboro ----- Miss Patsy Johnson, Box 308, Winnsboro

District Secretary ----- Mrs. Milton C. Baldridge, 813 Haring Road,
Metairie, 70001

Recording Secretary ----- Mrs. Helen McMahon, 2415 Lowerline St.,
New Orleans, 70118

Christian Social Relations --- Mrs. Violet Jackson, 358 W. Livingston Place,
Metairie, 70005

Missionary Education ----- Miss Eleanor Goodman, 4600 Paris Ave., Apt. C.,
New Orleans, 70122

Spiritual Life Cultivation -- Mrs. Joseph Blanchard, 180 Metairie Lawn Dr.,
Metairie, 70001

Supply Work ----- Mrs. Gilbert Wade, 413 Phosphor Ave., Metairie, 70005

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Metairie, 70005

St. Matthews _____ **Mrs. Ethel Richardson, 7145 Airline Hwy.,**

Metairie, 70003

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Church of the Redeemer ----- Mrs. Mary Taylor, 2508 Eads St.,
New Orleans, 70132

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Carrollton (Epworth) ----- Mrs. Helen McMahon, 2415 Lowerline St.,
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Gentry ----- Mrs. Emma Schanoff, 4210 Franklin Ave.,
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New Orleans, 70118

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St. Luke ---- Mrs. B. J. Capella, 5971 Gen Haig St., New Orleans, 70124

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New Orleans, 70117

RUSTON DISTRICT

District Secretary ----- Miss Sue Batton, P. O. Box 249, Minden
 Recording Secretary ----- Mrs. Norma Daye, 515 E & W Street, Minden

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations -----
 Missionary Education ----- Miss Sue Hefley, 421 W. 4th St., Homer
 Spiritual Life Cultivation -----
 Supply Work ----- Miss Merry Dean Patterson, 605 N. Myrtle St., Arcadia

Local Presidents

Arcadia ----- Mrs. J. F. Lancaster, Arcadia
 Farmerville ----- Mrs. Billy Wilson, Farmerville
 Haynesville ----- Mrs. Charles W. Camp, Rt. 3, Haynesville
 Homer ----- Mrs. Auro T. Peeples, 807 Main St., Homer
 Jonesboro ----- Mrs. E. D. Jones, 1204 Anna St., Jonesboro
 Minden:
 First Church:
 Unit I ----- Miss Audry Hortman, 430 Richardson St., Minden
 Unit II ----- Mrs. W. S. Hicks, 1100 Louisiana Ave., Minden
 Lakeview ----- Mrs. O. B. McCormick, 1294 Howard St., Minden
 Ruston: Trinity:
 Unit I ----- Mrs. Mary Krousel, 107 W. Alabama Ave., Ruston
 Virginia Laskey Unit --- Mrs. Richard M. Steere, 406 W. Florida, Ruston
 Springhill ----- Mrs. Dan Johnson, 402 Forest St., Springhill

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

District Secretary ----- Miss Sybil Kelly, 3008 Greenwood Rd., Shreveport
 Recording Secretary ----- Miss Adeline Durham, 402 Jordan St., Shreveport

Chairmen of Lines of Work

Christian Social Relations --- Mrs. Gertrude Taylor, 3257 Hardy, Shreveport
 Missionary Education ----- Mrs. Sylvia Lightfoot, 1535 Magnolia, Shreveport
 Program Materials ----- Mrs. Ruby Phillips, Plain Dealing
 Spiritual Life Cultivation --- Miss Elizabeth Ricks, 303 Jefferson, Mansfield
 Supply Work ----- Mrs. Linda Power, 535 S. Magnolia St., Many

Local Presidents

Coushatta ----- Mrs. Estelle Jones, Rt. 2, Coushatta
 Haughton ----- Mrs. Tommy Pepper, Haughton
 Logansport ----- Mrs. Viola Caraway, Logansport
 Mansfield ----- Miss Elizabeth Lowrey, Box 711, Mansfield
 Many ----- Mrs. Roma Williams, S. Magnolia Ave., Many
 Plain Dealing ----- Mrs. J. C. Allums, Plain Dealing
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 Broadmoor ----- Mrs. Sybil LeNoir, 1035 Anniston, Shreveport
 First Church ----- Miss Mary Bobbitt, Colonial Hotel, Shreveport
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 Mangum, Alma Levins Unit ----- Mrs. Leah McGregor, 3264 Penick, Shreveport
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 Summer Grove ----- Mrs. Mary Givens, 2020 Amelia, Shreveport
 Wynn Memorial ----- Mrs. Leona Britton, 6309 Garden Oaks Drive, Shreveport
 Zwolle ----- Mrs. Garrett Walsh, Box 333, Zwolle

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 13, 1963

At a meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee at Camp Brewer at 8:00 A.M. on July 13, 1963, the following were present: Miss Arline Tyler, presiding, Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Jr., Miss Mildred Evans, Mrs. Austin Miller, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr., Miss Elizabeth Langford, Miss Sara Wadsworth, Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Miss Laura Lynch, Mrs. Louise Baldrige, Miss Sue Batton, Miss Jeraldine Beck, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. Warren Orr, and Miss Marilyn Carter.

The meeting opened with prayer by Miss Arline Tyler.

Miss Tyler read a letter from the Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Jr., stating that she plans to move to Mississippi and requesting that the Committee accept her resignation. Miss Sue Batton moved that the resignation of Mrs. Guthrie be accepted with regrets and with the appreciation of the committee for her work during the year. **The motion was carried.**

Miss Marilyn Carter, chairman of the Nominating Committee, gave a report, submitting the name of Miss Maree White to fill the unexpired term of the Recording Secretary. Miss Elizabeth Langford moved that Maree White be elected Recording Secretary. **The motion carried.** Miss Carter and Mrs. Guthrie, Jr., then retired to call the newly elected officer.

A motion was made by Mrs. Louise Baldrige that Mrs. Guthrie, Jr., be presented a Special Membership in recognition of her work. **The motion carried.** Mrs. Dameron made a motion that \$25.00 of the Sunday offering be used for this Special Membership. **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Guthrie returned with the newly-elected Recording Secretary who was presented by Miss Tyler.

Miss Sara Wadsworth moved that the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild dispense with the Coaching Conference formerly held in September. **Motion carried.**

Mrs. Dameron recommended that the district secretaries check on the financial status of the district each quarter to see if the necessary money is coming in. Arline Tyler recommended that the Conference Treasurer have a regular column in **Guild Times** to keep the membership better informed on financial matters.

Mrs. Dameron asked that a Guild person fill her regular column "Comment" in the **Louisiana Methodist** to give a report on Guild Weekend. Elizabeth Langford was designated for this assignment.

Arline Tyler requested that the Treasurer give a statement at the business session Sunday morning in regard to the policy in sharing mileage expense to meetings.

Mrs. Miller moved that Mrs. Emma Pattillo's expenses to the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend be paid since she was the official substitute for the chairman of Missionary Education. **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Alvin Sandefur moved that since the alternates of the chairmen of the lines of work had enjoyed the privilege of going to Mt. Sequoyah with expenses paid, that their expenses to Guild Weekend at Brewer be on their own with the exception of \$5.00 for extra material purchased for the presentation of the study. **Motion Carried.**

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Dameron.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE GUILD WEEKEND

July 12, 13, 14, 1963

Registration for the seventeenth annual Louisiana Conference Guild Weekend began late Friday afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Jack Gregory, assisted by Miss Vera See, and was resumed at 8:00 Saturday morning. Literature was made available by Mrs. Warren Orr, Woman's Society Secretary of Literature, and Miss Grace Lawson.

The Conference Guild Committee met in Cabin 11 while crafts, directed by Miss Emma Kuntz of New Orleans, were available in the tabernacle.

After a short briefing assembly at 9:45, the members met in clinics directed by the following: Missionary Education, Mrs. Austin (Agnes) Miller; Spiritual Life, Miss Mildred Evans, and Miss Mildred Kee; Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Alvin (Bee) Sandefur and Mrs. Minza Rabun; Supply and Treasurers, Mrs. T. D. (Ruth) Guthrie, Sr. and Mrs. Carl (Hazel) Gallaher; Recording Secretaries, Mrs. T. D. (Boots) Guthrie, Jr.; President, Promotion secretaries, and District Secretaries - Miss Arline Tyler; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. C. G. (Emma) Mainous and Miss Sara Wadsworth. At 10:30 each group brought to the assembly an evaluation of the clinic.

Two workshops were conducted at 11:00. The first entitled "Equality of People and World Peace" was led by Mrs. George W. Dameron; the other, "Population Control," was given by Mrs. Carl Brunson.

At 1:45 the first general assembly was convened by Miss Arline Tyler. The opening meditation was led by Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Jr. Miss Mildred Evans, Program Chairman, made corrections in the printed program.

Conference officers present were introduced by Miss Tyler: Mrs. George W. Dameron, WSCS Conference President; Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Conference Treasurer; Mrs. Warren Orr, WSCS Secretary of Literature; Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Jr., WSG Recording Secretary; Miss Mildred Evans, Chairman of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Austin Miller, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service; Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Chairman of Christian Social Relations; Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr., Chairman of Supply Work; Miss Elizabeth Langford, Editor of *Guild Times*; and the following district secretaries: Miss Sara Wadsworth, Baton Rouge District; Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Lafayette District; Miss Laura Lynch, Lake Charles District; Mrs. Louise Baldrige, New Orleans District; Miss Sue Batton, Ruston District; and Miss Jeraldine Beck, Shreveport District.

Mrs. Dameron spoke briefly on the common purpose of Guild and Woman's Society.

Elizabeth Langford made a *Guild Times* report, asking for 800 subscriptions during the new Guild year.

Agnes Miller, Chairman of Missionary Education and Service, introduced the persons who presented the first two studies: Mrs. Minza Rabun, who presented "The Christian Family and Its Money," and Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, who directed the presentation of "The Christian Mission in Southern Asia," the latter presented in the form of a TV broadcast from Station WSG via the spiritual satellite LOVE.

At 7:00 P.M. a service at Vesper Point was led by Mrs. Marilyn Hudson. Miss Tyler then introduced Mrs. Carl Brunson, Miss Pat Clark, and Miss Pat Gibson, workers at the Dulac Community Center, who spoke of their work there. Mrs. Brunson showed color slides of the Center.

A panel representing Guild people who attended the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and School of Missions presented "Echoes from Mount Sequoyah." Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. Minza Rabun, Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, Miss Mildred Kee, and Mrs. Agnes Miller.

A large circle of friendship was formed between the tabernacle and the pool. Miss Grace Lawson, Mrs. Jack Gregory, and Miss Mildred Evans led the meditation.

Early Sunday morning communion at Vesper Point was led by Rev. Byrl Moreland of Trinity Church, Alexandria. Arrangements for this service were made by Alexandria District Guilds.

The third general assembly convened at 8:30 with the presentation of two studies. Miss Mildred Kee directed a skit whereby "Teachings Toward Christian Perfection" was reviewed. Participating were: Mrs. Emma Pattillo, Miss Cornelia McCants, and Mrs. W. D. Cotton. The study "The Changing City Challenges The Church" was introduced by means of a play. Participating were Miss Jerry Beck, Mrs. Gloria Bennett, Mrs. Minza Rabun, Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, and Miss Elizabeth Langford. Mrs. Agnes Miller was in charge of this presentation.

The business session was declared open by Miss Arline Tyler, presiding.

Miss Elizabeth Langford, chairman of the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, submitted the following proposed changes in the Standing Rules of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild:

Change Rule 3. (a) to read: Conference Guild Committee Meetings. There shall be at least two meetings of the Conference Guild Committee each year. One of these shall be in connection with the annual spring meeting. The other shall be a mid-year meeting, the date to be designated by the administrative committee.

Delete Rule 3. (b) and substitute a new Rule 3. (b): There shall be a program of training in Guild work within each district, to be directed by the district Guild committee.

Change Rule 11. (b) to read: Expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee to the mid-year meeting of the Conference Guild Committee shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation fund.

Change 11. (c) to read: Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairman of the Lines of Work, and co-opted Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee, to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation fund.

Change Rule 11. (d) to read: Expenses of the District Secretaries to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from District Cultivation funds.

Change Rule 11. (e) to read: Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and/or the Chairmen of the Lines of Work in the pattern to attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and the Jurisdiction School of Missions shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. If four or fewer of this group attend, travel shall be in one car and 5c per mile shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. If five or more persons make up the official delegation, then expenses of two cars at 5c per mile each car shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. Travel to and from the place of meeting of an official car shall be paid by the Conference. If any designated person in the pattern should elect to travel by other means than the above, she shall do so at her own expense.

Miss Langford moved that the report be adopted. **Motion Carried.**

Miss Tyler then presented the Conference Treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Galaher, who read and explained Standing Rule 11. (g) relative to the sharing of expense mileage.

Mrs. Alice Orr, Woman's Society Conference Secretary of Literature and a member of the Conference Guild Committee, was presented. She thanked the Guild for the opportunity of working with them during her term of office. She reported that over \$400 worth of literature had been sold during the Weekend.

Mrs. Winnie Gregory gave the registration report by districts: Alexandria 10, Baton Rouge 25, Lafayette 10, Lake Charles 20, Monroe 29, New Orleans 30, Ruston 6, Shreveport 11, WSCS officers 3, guests 5; total 149.

Miss Tyler announced that Mrs. Emma Mainous will serve as chairman of Registration for Guild Weekend in 1964.

Miss Tyler read Article VI, Section 2, of the Bylaws of the Louisiana Wesleyan Service Guild pertaining to the filling of vacancies among the conference officers. She explained that the Conference Recording Secretary, Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Jr., will be moving to Mississippi and has resigned her office. Miss Elizabeth Langford presented the out-going Secretary with a Special Membership; Mrs. Ruth Guthrie pinned the insignia on Boots, her daughter-in-law. Miss Tyler announced that the Conference Guild Committee had elected Miss Maree White to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. Guthrie.

Miss Tyler announced that the School of Missions at Centenary College, Shreveport, would be August 5-9.

Miss Tyler asked for recommendations for the location of the 1964 Guild Weekend. Miss Emma Kuntz moved that another camp be considered. **Motion Carried.**

It was announced that the offering at the eleven o'clock service would go to Missions.

Mrs. Louise Baldrige gave the report of the evaluation committee. A count was taken of those present at their first Guild Weekend—there were 28.

Miss Tyler announced that Mrs. Alvin Sandefur will be the 1964-65 program chairman.

Reverend Woodrow Hearne, Associate Minister of First Methodist Church, Shreveport, brought an inspiring message at the eleven o'clock service. The offering amounted to \$88.84.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Alexandria, Louisiana — November 9-10, 1963

The mid-year meeting of the Louisiana Conference Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild convened at Holiday Inn, Alexandria, Louisiana, November 9, 1963, at 2:00 P.M.

Present were Miss Arline Tyler, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Mrs. Austin Miller, Miss Mildred Evans, Miss Eligabeth Langford, Miss Thelma Louise Jones representing Alexandria District, Miss Bessie Fairley, Miss Laura Lynch, Mrs. M. W. Phillips, Mrs. Milton Baldrige, Mrs. Norma Daye representing Ruston District, and Miss Maree White.

The meeting opened with prayer by Arline Tyler.

Letters from Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, Supply Chairman, and from Miss Sara Wadsworth, Baton Rouge District Secretary, were read. Cards were signed by all present and mailed to absent committee members.

The minutes of the July Guild Weekend meeting were distributed. A motion was made by Mrs. Alvin Sandefur to postpone approval of the minutes until Sunday morning. **Motion Carried.**

A journal committee was appointed: Mrs. Sandefur, Mrs. Fairley, and Miss Mildred Evans.

Mrs. Dameron made a motion that an allowance for meals during this meeting be limited to \$4 person. **Motion Carried.**

Reports were then heard from: Mrs. Sandefur on Christian Social Relations; Miss Evans on Spiritual Life; and Mrs. Gallaher, the Treasurer.

Mrs. Gallaher presented the need to increase Pledge Giving 25% in the next two and one-half years. She challenged 1000 members of the Louisiana Conference Guild to increase pledge giving by setting aside one cent a day for 300 days, associating this giving with a daily rou-

tine practice; by means of this simple device the Louisiana Guild increase can be met. Committee members were asked to channel this information to the local women. District Secretaries were given an opportunity to comment on the program of giving. It was recommended that a block of time be worked out for presentation of these financial needs at the 1964 spring meeting.

Mildred Evans moved that a gift to missions be made in honor of retiring WSCS persons on the Guild Committee. **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Dameron, who had just returned from Jurisdiction Executive Committee meeting, gave a report. There has been a net loss of 399 members and a net gain of one new Guild in 1962-63. There was an increase of \$14,130.01 in pledge giving; the average was \$10.99 per capita.

She reported that the Division Guild Committee will select one representative from each Jurisdiction Guild to serve on the Board of Missions. The conference was urged to send names to the Guild Committee to be submitted for nomination.

Mrs. Dameron stated that the two major emphases in Spiritual Life now are—Evangelism and Stewardship. She reported that the goal of 75 deaconesses in 1963 has not been reached. She informed the group that Mrs. Ruth Dixon Maddy is now the director of Business Girls' Inn in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The Woman's Division has asked the Louisiana Conference WSCS to give \$3,300 toward Martha Overbey's salary for 1964-65. Societies and Guilds are asked to give on a voluntary basis through regular channels specifying the use of the special fund on the local treasurer's report, giving Mrs. Overbey's name.

Mrs. Dameron gave a report on the courses and their instructors for School of Missions, August 3-7, 1964. An interesting new feature of the school is to be the participation of the entire enrollment in small groups for Bible Study, coming together daily for instruction in the book of Genesis by Dr. Bond Fleming of Centerary College. She announced that South Central Jurisdiction School of Missions will be June 22-26, with Guild Week-end preceding.

The fall executive committee of the Louisiana Conference WSCS is scheduled for November 3-5, 1964, in Ruston, with the last week in October as an alternate date.

Mrs. Dameron brought to the group a report of the plans for observing the 25th anniversary of the WSCS and Guild in 1965. Mrs. Glenn Laskey is general chairman of this planning and was in charge of the New York meeting Mrs. Dameron attended. The observance will be centered around three aspects: Our Heritage, Facts and Trends, and Goals. Goals, in addition to increased pledge giving, will be in the areas of membership (increase 483 members in Louisiana in 2½ years) and recruitment (each conference is asked to recruit one commissioned missionary, one commissioned deaconess, one US-2, and one overseas-3). The Launching Date for the anniversary observance is set for January 19, 1965, during the Woman's Division Meeting. The WSCS has a committee on History which is preparing a paper for presentation at the 1965 spring meeting.

Mrs. Dameron read the proposed new joint statement of Purpose for WSCS and Guild, based on Ephesians 1:1-14. She reminded the committee that the visitation program begun last summer should be completed by March, 1964.

Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., WSCS Promotion Secretary, reviewed the project of visitation which is being conducted jointly by the WSCS and Guild of the South Central Jurisdiction as a Pilot Project. She presented copies of the **Primer** on the Work prepared by Mrs. Dameron, and designated to inform the membership and prospective members on the work of the WSCS and Guild. This information is to be used as a basis for the visitation and membership recruitment project.

Mrs. Patterson announced that Miss Maryruth Nickels, a Division field worker, will be available during the month of October, 1964, to work with district executive committees or with small local groups to encourage and assist weak Societies and Guilds or to counsel in any organizational problem. District plans should be made by executive committees to use her visits to best advantage.

Miss Mildred Evans gave the highlights of the report sent by Mrs. Warren Orr, Secretary of Literature. The 25th anniversary will be highlighted in the January issue of the **Methodist Woman**.

Mrs. Austin Miller moved that the office of Chairman of Literature be added to the official family of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild. **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. George Thomas presented the 1962-63 Annual Report, commenting on format changes. At this time a few changes of names and addresses were made in the Report.

Miss Tyler reminded the group that elections are to be held in February and that lists of local and district officers should be sent to her as early as possible.

Miss Elizabeth Langford gave a **Guild Times** Report. She distributed to the district secretaries copies of subscribers in their respective districts. She reported 621 paid subscriptions of the goal of 800, and a balance of \$375 in the fund for the publication.

Mrs. Austin Miller gave the report on Missionary Education, citing the number of study courses reported to date.

Reports of district work were given by: Miss Thelma Louise Jones, substituting for Miss Marie Pace of Alexandria District; Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Miss Laura Lynch, Mrs. Janie Phillips, Mrs. Louise Baldrige, and Miss Norma Daye, substituting for Miss Sue Batton of Ruston District. A communication from Miss Sara Wadsworth, District Secretary of Baton Rouge District, was read.

This concluded the evening session, after which the program committee met in one of the motel rooms. Miss Mildred Evans, chairman, presented a tentative mimeographed outline. Hymn titles and names for various responsibilities were supplied.

On Sunday morning the group re-convened and was led in prayer by Elizabeth Langford.

Mrs. Gallaher presented suggested district pledges for 1964-65. The district secretaries were asked to comment about the increase; each felt the increase could be met.

	Paid on Pledge 1962-63	Suggested Increase 1964-65	Suggested Pledge 1964-65
Alexandria -----	\$ 1,634.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 1,821.00
Baton Rouge -----	3,271.00	373.00	3,644.00
Lafayette -----	1,628.00	186.00	1,814.00
Lake Charles ---	2,710.00	309.00	3,019.00
Monroe -----	2,802.00	320.00	3,122.00
New Orleans ----	2,734.00	312.00	3,046.00
Ruston -----	2,214.00	253.00	2,467.00
Shreveport -----	2,734.00	312.00	3,046.00
Totals -----	\$19,727.00	\$2,252.00	\$21,979.00

Mrs. Gallaher then submitted the proposed budget for 1964-65:

Officers' Expense -----	\$ 400.00
Annual Spring Meeting -----	400.00
Conference Guild Weekend -----	100.00
Mid-Year Committee Meeting -----	150.00
Jurisdiction Guild Weekend -----	150.00
Jurisdiction and Division Cultivation -----	150.00

Jurisdiction School of Missions -----	170.00
Guild Times -----	100.00
Committees -----	70.00
Miscellaneous -----	110.00
Total -----	\$1,800.00

Mrs. Gallaher moved the acceptance of the pledge and the budget. **Motion Carried.**

Miss Elizabeth Langford, Chairman of the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, submitted the following proposed changes in the Bylaws of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild:

Change Article V, Section 1, to read: "There shall be a Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference composed of the secretary of the Guild, the recording secretary, the chairmen of the lines of work, and the district secretaries of the Guild; the president, the treasurer, and the secretary of promotion of the Woman's Society **and two other representatives who shall be officers or secretaries of lines of work of the conference Woman's Society** to be elected biennially by the conference Guild. Such additional members as the work demands may be co-opted." (Change appears in bold print.)

Add a new Section 6 to Article V: "There shall be within the conference Guild committee a budget committee. The committee shall be composed of the conference President, the conference Treasurer, the Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and two other Guild members appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary."

In Article VI, Section 4(b) and Section 4(c): Delete " . . . and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected."

To Article VI, Section 4, add a new paragraph (d): "The two Woman's Society members-at-large of the Conference Guild Committee shall be elected biennially at the second and fourth years of the quadrennium."

Mrs. Sandefur moved that the changes suggested by the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee dealing with personnel of conference WSCS on the Conference Guild Committee and their terms of office, and with the creation and personnel of a budget committee be approved, and that the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee be empowered to draw up the provision to be acted upon at the spring meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Fairley and carried.

Miss Mildred Evans, chairman of the program committee for 1963-64, presented a report of the committee's work on program for the July, 1963, Guild weekend meeting. She then submitted the program as planned for the 1964 spring meeting.

Mrs. Thomas invited all who could to attend the evening meeting on Thursday during the 1964 Annual Meeting of the Woman's Society. At this time a group of young people from Wesley Foundation at the University of Southwestern Louisiana will present a play with emphasis on recruitment. Guild members should make reservations for the Thursday dinner.

Arline Tyler announced that the Louisiana Conference quota for Jurisdiction Guild Weekend has been cut to 16. The Conference Secretary, the President, the chairmen of the three lines of work in the pattern, and the two elected delegates make up seven of these reservations. Louise Baldridge suggested that each district be allowed one place on the mountain and that the new literature chairman be included as the sixteenth person. It was so agreed.

There was a discussion on the location for the Louisiana Conference Guild Weekend in 1964. Numerous efforts had been made to find a suitable place. Arline Tyler has turned in July 19 as the date for the weekend at Brewer, there appearing no other solution at the time of scheduling. Elizabeth Langford moved that the Conference Secretary write to Bishop Walton, setting forth the problem and the conditions which demand

that we move the meeting place of Guild Weekend, and stating that in executive meeting we could not come up with an answer. Seconded by Agnes Miller and carried.

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It was suggested that the Guild mid-year executive meeting precede that of the WSCS in 1964, in order to hear a report from Miss Maryruth Nickels before her return to New York. The dates would be October 31 and November 1, 1964. It was further suggested that we return to Holiday Inn in Alexandria, it being centrally located.

The Journal committee reported having checked the Recording Secretary's notes and found them in order. It was moved by Agnes Miller that the report be accepted. **Motion carried.**

Arline Tyler thanked the Woman's Society members for their valuable contributions to the meeting.

Elizabeth Langford brought a beautifully decorated box which members filled with gifts for Sue Batton to cheer her during her convalescence from recent surgery. All joined in sending greetings and best wishes to Sue.

Mildred Evans led the closing meditation using the Prayer Calendar and the Thanksgiving theme.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 14, 1964

The Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee met in the Garden Room of the Evangeline Hotel, Lafayette, Louisiana, at 10:00 A.M., Saturday, March 14, 1964, with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, presiding.

Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, led the group in a meditation.

Roll was called by the Recording Secretary; those present were: Miss Tyler, Miss Maree White, Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Mrs. Austin Miller, Miss Mildred Evans, Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr., Miss Elizabeth Langford, Miss Marie Pace, Miss Sara Wadsworth, Mrs. Bessie Fairley, Miss Grace Lawson (substituting for Miss Laura Lynch), Mrs. M. W. Phillips, Mrs. Milton Baldrige, Miss Jeraldine Beck, Mrs. George W. Dameron, Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, and Mrs. Warren Orr.

The Recording Secretary was instructed to send notes or cards to absent members.

Bee Sandefur moved that the reading of minutes be dispensed with. **Motion Carried.** Marie Pace moved that the minutes as printed and mailed out earlier by the Recording Secretary be accepted. **Motion Carried.**

Miss Mildred Evans reported for the Program Committee, submitting the program for the spring meeting as printed, with no alterations.

Mrs. Gallaher, Conference Treasurer, reported that \$119.72 more had been paid on pledge giving than at this time last year. She urged that the Guild emphasize the plan that 1000 members contribute one cent a day for three hundred days during the next year, to achieve the needed additional pledge giving.

Miss Elizabeth Langford, Editor of **Guild Times**, reported that the printer has agreed to print our news sheet one more year. This year will complete an eight-year term for Miss Langford, who agreed to serve until the expiration of that time.

The Committee approved Miss Langford's plan to sell the next two issues of **Guild Times** at fifty cents per person. She will provide subscription envelopes which persons attending the meeting may use. Agnes Miller expressed the feeling of the group in regard to the wonderful job that Miss Langford has done; since she has been editor the number of subscriptions has doubled.

Reporting as chairman of the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee, Elizabeth Langford read a letter from Lillian Johnson, Division Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, in regard to the suggested changes to Article V, Section 1 of the Bylaws, by which the Woman's Society members-at-large on the Conference Guild Committee would be required to be officers or chairmen of Lines of Work. Miss Johnson suggested that this restriction might exclude otherwise highly qualified persons.

Elizabeth Langford moved that the Committee rescind its recommendation, made at the November, 1963, committee meeting, that changes be made to Article V, Section 1, and to Article VI, Section 4-b, Article VI, Section 4-c, and Article VI, Section 4-d of the Bylaws of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, those proposed changes being relative to the official status in the WSCS of the WSCS members-at-large on the Conference Guild Committee. **Motion carried.**

The following printed recommendations were read:

We Recommend:

1. That we seek for accuracy in reporting and that all reports be on time !
2. That we study the National Issues that confront us, then express ourselves on these. That we continue to support and promote those projects that are vital to the welfare of the peoples of the world and to peace among these peoples.
3. That we continue our use and study of the missionary literature, but enrich our study with missionary letters and by inviting furloughed and retired missionaries to participate in our studies. Discover, cultivate, and enlist new recruits for service as missionaries or deaconesses and the professionally qualified woman to full-time service.
4. That we seek to stress membership cultivation by increased activity of a vital, working, concerned, interested membership committee; and that every member share in the responsibility.
5. That promotion of meaningful study and prayer groups be continued; and that creative use be made of resource material with emphasis on the Prayer Calendar; and active participation in all committees pertaining to spiritual life, by the Chairman of Spiritual Life.
6. That our askings for Supply Work continue to be met but be personalized through visits to projects whenever possible; that all money be carefully designated as to place and project.
7. That we continue to support the projects of the Woman's Division through our gifts, increasing them as our understanding and love increase.
8. That there be a continuing awareness of the purposes of the Guild so that it examines everything it does in reference to its function.
9. That there be added to the official family of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild a Chairman of Literature.

Mrs. Gallaher moved that the Committee accept the recommendations as printed. **Motion carried.**

Reference was made to the reports in the packets of the Chairmen of the Lines of Work.

Mrs. Dameron named the new officers elected at the annual meeting, just concluded, of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society. One of these, Mrs. Max L. Clayton of New Orleans, Promotion Secretary, will, by virtue of her office, be a member of the Conference Guild Committee. The Recording Secretary was asked to write a note of welcome to Mrs. Clayton.

Mrs. Dameron announced that the Annual Meeting of the Conference Woman's Society will be held in Shreveport next spring, and that the Mid-year Executive Committee meeting will be November 4, 5, and 6 in Ruston.

Miss Marilyn Carter, Chairman of the Conference Nominating Committee, was recognized. She submitted the following nominations, obtained by the committee after prayerful research: for Chairman of Supply, Miss Dorothy Dunbar; for Chairman of Missionary Education, Mrs. C. G. (Emma) Mainous; for Chairman of Literature, Miss Grace Lawson; for WSCS Representative on the Conference Guild Committee, Mrs. C. R. McCammon. The Committee accepted the report of the Nominating Committee with thanks.

Miss Tyler stated that two delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend would also be elected at the afternoon session. It was moved by Mrs. Sandefur that the two persons receiving the next-highest number of votes for delegate to the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend be the alternate delegates. **Motion Carried.**

Mrs. Dameron distributed copies of a flyer giving a suggested calendar of events and interpretative materials in connection with the 25th Anniversary Observance of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Mildred Evans moved that the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild accept a share of the expense of printing the flyer. **Motion Carried.**

Arline Tyler made the following appointments: **Journal Committee**—Agnes Miller, Ruth Guthrie; **Resolutions Committee**—Janie Phillips, Bessie Fairley, Bee Sandefur; **Members of the Administrative Committee**—Mildred Evans and the Chairman of Missionary Education to be elected this afternoon; **Budget Committee**—Elizabeth Langford and the Chairman of Program Materials to be elected this afternoon; **Committee to evaluate this meeting**—Jerry Beck, chairman, Louise Baldrige, Sara Wadsworth; **Distributing tellers**, one from each district—Cora Wilfong (Alexandria), Maggie Wood (Baton Rouge), Leola Clark (Lafayette), Mae Shafer (Lake Charles), Jeanette Vosburg (Monroe), Margaret Young (New Orleans), Ola Allen (Ruston), and Elizabeth Lowery (Shreveport); **Counting tellers**—Janice Richardson (Alexandria), Oneida Duncan (Baton Rouge), Lillian Soileau (Lafayette), Doris Lockwood (Lake Charles), Dot Moss (Monroe), Ruth Vega (New Orleans), Lucille Ford (Ruston), and Estelle Jones (Shreveport).

Miss Tyler reported on extensive research done in the Alexandria area by Thelma Louise Jones, regarding possible places to hold the Guild Weekend meeting. The places were: The Bentley Hotel, Camp Grant Walker, Camp Windywood, and Louisiana College. Miss Tyler had investigated the possibility of having the meeting at Centenary College. Camp Brewer has tentatively been reserved for July 10, 11, and 12.

Bee Sandefur read the evaluation of last year's meeting, pointing out several adverse criticisms of the physical features of Camp Brewer. Elizabeth Langford moved that our Conference Secretary, Miss Tyler, with a committee, go at once to see Rev. Henry Bowden about the inadequacy of our conference camp. **Motion Carried.**

Agnes Miller moved that the decision as to where to meet this year be left to the Administrative Committee. **Motion Carried.**

The committee was joined by Dr. Vela Cleveland and Miss Marilyn Carter, chairman of registration, for lunch in the Garden Room. Attractive favors for the committee were presented. These were shower caddies which had been made by Mrs. Jane Carter of the New Iberia unit and Miss Elizabeth Ann Carter of the Abbeville unit.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

Thirteenth Annual Meeting
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

March 14 - 15, 1964

PROGRAM

THEME: "GOD'S WORK IN OUR TIME"

Saturday, March 14

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| 10:00 | Registration | Lobby, Evangeline Hotel |
| 10:00 | Conference Guild Committee Meeting | Garden Room,
Evangeline Hotel |
| 12:00 | Conference Guild Committee Luncheon | Garden Room,
Evangeline Hotel |
| 1:00 | Registration Continued | Foyer, First Methodist Church |

AFTERNOON SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

"Go therefore and make disciples . . . " (Matthew 28:19a)

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| 1:45 | Organ Prelude | Miss Alice Hartiens |
| | Theme Hymn—"Jesus With Thy Church Abide" | No. 380 |
| | Convening of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting | Miss Arline Tyler |
| | Opening Worship | Mrs. Joseph Blanchard |
| | Welcome | Rev. R. R. Branton and Mrs. Bessie V. Fairley |
| | Order of Business: | |
| | Presentation of the Program | Miss Mildred A. Evans |
| | Seating of Delegates | |
| | Report of the Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules | |
| | Report of the Recording Secretary | Miss Maree White |
| | Appointment of Committees | |
| | Introductions | |
| | Announcements | |
| | Report of Nominating Committee | Miss Marilyn Carter |
| | Balloting | |
| | Hymn | "Guild Hymn" |
| | Report of the Conference Secretary | Miss Arline Tyler |
| | Report of Conference Chairmen: | |
| | Christian Social Relations | Mrs. Alvin Sandefur |
| | Missionary Education and Service | Mrs. Austin Miller |
| | Spiritual Life Cultivation | Miss Mildred A. Evans |
| | Supply Work | Mrs. T. D. Guthrie, Sr. |
| | Guild Times | Miss Elizabeth Langford |
| | Report of Tellers | |
| | Hymn—"O Jesus, I Have Promised" | No. 226 |
| | Recognition of Retiring Officers | |

"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity . . . " (II Cor. 9:11a)

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| | Pledge Service | Mrs. Carl Gallaher |
| 4:15 | Fellowship Tea | Wesley Foundation,
University of Southwestern Louisiana
Courtesy of Rayne and Abbeville Guilds |

**"O Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name, Make known His deeds
among the peoples!" (Psalms 105:1)**

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| 6:00 | Dinner: Featuring Christian Social Relations | Recreation Room,
First Methodist Church |
| | | Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Presiding |
| | Invocation | Rev. A. Jerome Cain |

Message and Showing of Slides ----- Dr. Vela Cleveland
Solo—"How Great Thou Art" ----- Stewart K. Hine
Miss Barbara Cain, Member, Wesley Foundation
Wesleyan Service Guild Benediction ----- Unison

EVENING SESSION

Sanctuary, First Methodist Church

Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding

**"We will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of
the word." (Acts 6:4)**

8:00	Organ Prelude -----	Miss Alice Hartiens
	Hymn—"We Thank Thee, Lord" -----	No. 458
	Prayer -----	Rev. H. R. Hines
	Anthem—"Mighty Spirit All Transcending" -----	Mozart
	The Wesley Singers	
	Mrs. Robert S. Barefield, Director	
	Address—"Why I Believe in Missions" ----	Bishop Aubrey G. Walton

" . . . I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." (Luke 22:15)

Holy Communion and Dedication of Gifts ----- Rev. R. R. Branton,
Rev. R. S. Barefield and Rev. C. R. McCammon
Benediction ----- Rev. A. Jerome Cain

Sunday, March 15

OAK ROOM

Evangeline Hotel

**"I pray that the sharing of your faith may promote the knowledge of
all the good that is ours in Christ" Philemon 1:6)**

7:00	Quiet Breakfast -----	Miss Mildred A. Evans, Presiding
	Invocation -----	Mrs. Frank Foreman
	Solo—"The Golden Key" -----	Carrie Jacob Bond
		Mrs. Nora Cage, Accompanied by Mrs. Louise Newport
	Meditation—"I Am Obligated" -----	Mrs. George W. Dameron
	Closing Prayer -----	Miss Marilynn Carter
8:30	Order of Business -----	Miss Arline Tyler, Presiding
	Installation of Officers	
	Report of Committees	

**"Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into
His harvest" (Luke 10:2)**

9:00	Missionary Hour -----	Mrs. Austin Miller, Presiding
	Hymn—"O Zion Haste" -----	No. 475
	Address—"Summons to a New Day" -----	Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey
	Closing Prayer -----	Mrs. Beverly Biehler
10:00	Adjournment -----	Miss Arline Tyler
10:50	Worship Service -----	First Methodist Church
12:15	Buffet Luncheon -----	Recreation Room, First Methodist Church Courtesy of First Methodist Church Guild

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

March 14-15, 1964

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild was convened in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church of Lafayette, at 1:45 Saturday afternoon, March 14, 1964, with Miss Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary, presiding.

The opening worship was led by Mrs. Joseph Blanchard, after which Rev. R. R. Branton, Pastor of the First Methodist Church of Lafayette, welcomed the Guild members in behalf of the host church. Mrs. Bessie Fairley, District Secretary of the Lafayette District, also welcomed the members.

Miss Mildred Evans, program chairman for this annual meeting, presented the program as printed, with no change.

The voting delegates were seated in the center section of the church. There were 75 delegates.

Miss Elizabeth Langford gave the report of the Committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules. Referring to the copy of recommended changes in the Bylaws given to the voting delegates at registration, she explained that the Conference Guild Committee had rescinded its recommendation of the amendments to Article V, Section 1; Article VI, Section 4-b, 4-c, and the addition of Article VI, Section 4-d, all relative to the election of the two representatives of the Woman's Society on the Conference Guild Committee.

Miss Langford then moved the adoption of the following amendments to the bylaws, approved by the Conference Guild Committee, due notice having been mailed to all Guild units in accordance with the Bylaws:

Add a new Section 3 to Article V of the Bylaws:

Article V, Section 3. There shall be an Administrative Committee, composed of the Conference Secretary, who shall be the chairman, the Recording Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary. The Administrative Committee shall transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the Conference Guild Committee.

The existing Article V, Section 3, shall become Article V, Section 4.

The existing Article V, Section 4, shall become Article V, Section 5.

Add a new Section 6 to Article V:

Article V, Section 6. There shall be within the Conference Guild Committee a budget committee. The committee shall be composed of the Conference President, the Conference Treasurer, the Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and two other Guild Members appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary.

The amendments were adopted.

The following recommendations of the Conference Guild Committee were read by the Recording Secretary, who moved their adoption.

We Recommend:

1. That we seek for accuracy in reporting and that all reports be on time !
2. That we study the National Issues that confront us, then express ourselves on these. That we continue to support and promote those projects that are vital to the welfare of the peoples of the world and to peace among these peoples.
3. That we continue our use and study of the missionary literature, but enrich our study with missionary letters and by inviting furloughed and retired missionaries to participate in our studies. Discover, cultivate, and enlist new recruits for service as missionaries or deaconesses and the professionally qualified woman to full-time service.

4. That we seek to stress membership cultivation by increased activity of a vital, working, concerned, interested membership committee; and that every member share in the responsibility.
5. That promotion of meaningful study and prayer groups be continued; and that creative use be made of resource material with emphasis on the Prayer Calendar; and active participation in all committees pertaining to spiritual life, by the Chairman of Spiritual Life.
6. That our askings for Supply Work continue to be met but be personalized through visits to projects whenever possible; that all money be carefully designated as to place and project.
7. That we continue to support the projects of the Woman's Division through our gifts, increasing them as our understanding and love increase.
8. That there be a continuing awareness of the purposes of the Guild so that it examines everything it does in reference to its function.
9. That there be added to the official family of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild a Chairman of Program Materials.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Recording Secretary then read the following appointments: **Journal Committee:** Agnes Miller, Ruth Guthrie; **Resolutions Committee:** Janie Phillips, Bessie Fairley, Bee Sandefur; Members of the **Administrative Committee:** Mildred Evans and the Chairman of Missionary Education to be elected this afternoon; **Budget Committee:** Elizabeth Langford and the Chairman of Program Materials to be elected this afternoon; **Committee to evaluate this meeting:** Jerry Beck, Chairman, Louise Baldridge, Sara Wadsworth; **Distributing Tellers**, one from each district: Cora Wilfong (Alexandria), Maggie Wood (Baton Rouge), Leola Clark (Lafayette), Mae Shafer (Lake Charles), Jeannette Vosburg (Monroe), Margaret Young (New Orleans), Ola Allen (Ruston), and Elizabeth Lowery (Shreveport); **Counting Tellers:** Janice Richardson (Alexandria), Oneida Duncan (Baton Rouge), Lillian Soileau (Lafayette), Doris Lockwood (Lake Charles), Dot Moss (Monroe), Ruth Vega (New Orleans), Lucille Ford (Ruston), Estelle Jones (Shreveport).

Miss Arline Tyler then introduced the following who stood to be recognized: Mrs. G. W. Dameron, President of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service; Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Chairman of the Section of Education and Cultivation of the Woman's Division; Mrs. Carl Gallaher, Treasurer of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society; Mrs. Warren Orr, Woman's Society Secretary of Literature and a member of the Conference Guild Committee; Mrs. Eloi Girard, President of the Woman's Society of the Lafayette District; Mrs. M. T. Holloway, local President of the Woman's Society of First Church, Lafayette. The officers of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild and the district secretaries were introduced.

Mrs. Joyce Prejean of the Lafayette Guild, Co-chairman of local arrangements, was presented. She commended Miss Hermine Tate, Chairman of local arrangements, for her efforts of a year or more in preparation for this meeting. Miss Tate is in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Lafayette recovering from a broken knee cap. Mrs. Prejean indicated the list of local committees provided in the packet and thanked all who had cooperated to make the meeting possible.

Miss Marilyn Carter gave the report of the nominating committee. She stated that after prayerful research the following slate was recommended: for Chairman of Supply, Miss Dorothy Dunbar; for Chairman of Missionary Education, Mrs. C. G. (Emma) Mainous; for Chairman of Literature, Miss Grace Lawson; for WSCS Representative on the Conference Guild Committee, Mrs. C. R. McCammon.

Miss Tyler asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, the nominees were elected by acclamation.

Miss Tyler called for nominations for Louisiana Conference delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, June 19-21, 1964. The following were nominated from the floor: Mrs. Janice Richardson, Alexandria District; Mrs. Mary Givens, Shreveport District; Mrs. Beverly Biehler, New Orleans District; Mrs. Elva Doyle, Alexandria District; and Miss Maree White, Lafayette District.

Ballots were given out by the distributing tellers and turned over to the counting tellers. Ruth Allen of Winnfield replaced Mrs. Janice Richardson as a counting teller.

After the singing of the Guild Hymn, Miss Tyler gave the report of the Conference Secretary.

The reports of the Chairmen of the Lines of Work and the Editor of **Guild Times** were presented with the use of a visual device: a wheel, the hub of which represented the membership with the spokes dividing the activities into five areas, one for each reporting officer. Around the rim of the figure appeared the names of the eight districts.

Dr. Vela Cleveland, medical missionary to India, was recognized.

The counting tellers came in and reported that more than 75 persons had voted. The Conference Secretary then directed the voting body to stand and count off. There were 82, which number agreed with the tellers' figure. The counting tellers then reported the election of Maree White and Janice Richardson to serve as delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend, with Beverly Biehler to serve as first alternate, and Mary Givens, second alternate.

After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. Minza Rabun was recognized. She gave a beautiful tribute to a true friend and devoted Christian, Mrs. Ruth Guthrie, the outgoing Chairman of Supply, and presented her with an Honorary Life Membership in behalf of the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

Miss Elizabeth Langford was recognized. Speaking from knowledge that years of friendship and working together had provided, Miss Langford commended the outgoing Chairman of Missionary Education, Agnes Miller, for her untiring efforts in office and presented her with an Honorary Life Membership in behalf of the Conference.

Miss Tyler dedicated the proceeds from the sale of corsages to Missions in honor of the retiring Woman's Society of Christian Service members of the Guild Committee, Mrs. B. F. Patterson, Jr., and Mrs. Warren Orr.

An impressive pledge service using the symbolism of the Wesleyan Service Guild Emblem was led by Mrs. Carl Gallaher, the Conference Treasurer. The following amounts were pledged by district secretaries: **Alexandria District**, \$1,821.00; **Baton Rouge District**, \$3,644.00; **Lafayette District**, \$1,814.00; **Lake Charles District**, \$3,019.00; **Monroe District**, \$3,122.00; **New Orleans District**, \$3,046.00; **Ruston District**, \$2,467.00; **Shreveport District**, \$3,046.00; Total, \$21,979.00. A solo, "Others," sung by Mrs. Richard Cage, concluded the pledge service.

Following the afternoon session, the members went to Wesley Foundation at the University of Southwestern Louisiana for a fellowship tea prepared by the Abbeville and Rayne Guilds.

Dinner under the direction of the New Iberia Guild was served at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall of the First Methodist Church, with Mrs. Alvin Sandefur, Conference Chairman of Christian Social Relations, presiding. The invocation was given by Reverend A. Jerome Cain, District Superintendent of the Lafayette District.

The featured speaker was Dr. Vela Cleveland, medical missionary to India, who showed colored slides and lectured about her work at the Ellen Thoburn Cowen Hospital in Kolar. Miss Barbara Cain sang "How Great Thou Art" after which the dinner hour closed with the Guild benediction in unison.

EVENING SESSION

The evening session convened at 8:00 in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church. Miss Alice Hartiens played the organ prelude followed by the singing of a hymn, "We Thank Thee, Lord." Rev. H. R. Hines led the opening prayer. The Wesley Singers, a group of USL students directed by Mrs. Robert S. Barefield, sang the anthem "Mighty Spirit All Transcending."

Miss Tyler introduced Bishop Aubrey G. Walton, who gave the evening address, "Why I Believe in Missions." Holy Communion was administered, after which Reverend A. Jerome Cain gave the benediction.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1964

Quiet Breakfast

Miss Mildred Evans, Conference Chairman of Spiritual Life, presided at the Sunday morning Quiet Breakfast. The invocation, given by Mrs. Frank Foreman, was followed by a solo, "The Golden Key," by Mrs. Nora Cage. The meditation, entitled "I Am Obligated," was led by Mrs. George W. Dameron. Miss Marilyn Carter gave the benediction.

BUSINESS SESSION

The morning business session opened at 8:30 with Miss Tyler presiding. It was reported that the evening offering was \$213.70 and that \$103.00 had been realized from the sale of Corsages for Missions.

Miss Marilyn Carter, registration chairman, reported that there were 237 in attendance: Alexandria District, 19; Baton Rouge, 27; Lafayette, 52; Lake Charles, 36; Monroe, 36; New Orleans, 34; Ruston, 3; Shreveport, 22; WSCS, 3; and guests, 5.

The Lafayette District members were asked to rise to be recognized for the work that they had done in preparation for this meeting.

Mrs. Jane Carter and Miss Elizabeth Ann Carter were introduced and thanked by the executive committee for the gifts presented at the Saturday luncheon.

Mrs. Agnes Miller reported that the secretary's journal was found to be correct.

Miss Tyler announced that Jurisdiction Guild Weekend would be June 19-21 at Mount Sequoyah. She also reported that the Conference Guild Committee had, at its mid-year meeting, suggested that the following be placed in the 16 reservations on the Mountain allowed the Louisiana Conference: the Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, the Conference President of WSCS, the Chairmen of the three Lines of Work in the pattern (Spiritual Life, Missionary Education, and Christian Social Relations), the two elected delegates, the new Chairman of Literature and one other person from each district. She asked that \$5 registration fee from each of these persons reach her by May 15.

The action of the Administrative Committee in regard to Guild Weekend was read by the recording secretary: 1. The Administrative Committee studied the factors involved in the places that had been worked out as possible locations for Guild Weekend. 2. It was the agreement of the committee that for this year (1964) only, that the Conference Guild Weekend be held at Centenary College, and that decision concerning future years be deferred. 3. Agnes Miller moved that Arline Tyler be empowered to investigate the availability at Centenary College of weekend dates in August, and to fix the time accordingly. **Motion carried.** The names affixed to this report were: Arline Tyler, Agnes Miller, Bee Sandefur, Louise Baldrige and Maree White.

It was moved by Elizabeth Langford and seconded by Mildred Evans that this decision be accepted. **Motion carried.**

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Mrs. Janie Phillips:

To the Lafayette District, the First Methodist Church of Lafayette, the District Superintendent, the Reverend A. Jerome Cain, and to the Reverend R. R. Branton the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild extends its deepest appreciation for a most successful and uplifting Spring Meeting.

To Mrs. Bessie Fairley for selecting such able personnel to assist her and especially to Miss Hermine Tate and Mrs. Joyce Prejean and their committees go our sincere thanks for their untiring efforts in planning each minute detail to such perfection.

To Miss Mildred Evans and her committee we are deeply grateful for their careful planning and executing such an informative and inspirational program.

To all who appeared on the program, especially to our own Bishop Walton, to Dr. Vela Cleveland, Mrs. George Dameron, and Mrs. Glenn Laskey we are indebted for their challenging messages.

We are grateful to Miss Dorothy Dunbar and her committee for their thorough and extensive publicizing of the meeting.

To those who provided such beautiful music we extend our appreciation.

To all who provided favors and especially to the Southern Bell Telephone Company for the maps of the city we extend our thanks.

To our consecrated secretary, Miss Arline Tyler, for her capable leadership and guidance and to our chairmen of lines of work we are indebted.

Last but not least we appreciate the many lovely floral arrangements used in such profusion throughout the meeting places.

Janie Phillips
Bee Sandefur
Bessie Fairley

Miss Tyler thanked all who had sent cards and gifts to her during her recent illness.

Miss Jerry Beck, District Secretary of the Shreveport District, invited the group to hold the annual spring meeting March 12-14, 1965, at Broadmoor Church in Shreveport.

The newly-elected officers, Mrs. Emma Mainous, Chairman of Missionary Education; Miss Dorothy Dunbar, Chairman of Supply; and Miss Grace Lawson, Chairman of Program Materials, were installed by Mrs. Glenn Laskey.

With the singing of the hymn "O Zion Haste" the Missionary Hour began, presided over by Mrs. Agnes Miller. The address "Summons to a New Day" was given by Mrs. Laskey.

After the closing prayer, led by Mrs. Beverly Biehler, the meeting adjourned. Morning worship at the First Methodist Church was attended at 10:50, after which the Lafayette Guild entertained the members present at a buffet luncheon.

Maree White, Recording Secretary

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD REPORT 1963 - 1964

Arline Tyler, Conference Secretary
WITNESS and SERVICE

This is the year of witness and service! To this challenge, the members of the Wesleyan Service Guild have responded through preparation and action.

Five districts have held Spiritual Life Retreats or Day Apart Services. Most units have observed and participated in the **Call to Prayer and Self-Denial**. The **Prayer Calendar**, creative worship services, and prayer groups

have developed and deepened the spiritual life of the individual and strengthened the group. From this has sprung a FAITH that compels us to witness and serve.

That this faith might be directed and dedicated, Guild members have studied. There have been at least 149 study classes, using the approved studies, of which 87 met the requirements for Jurisdiction Recognition. A total of 1,722 in attendance was reported.

In preparation for this service, training is an essential. At Guild Weekend, 154 members participated in the various clinics; 24 attended the Conference School of Missions and participated in the Guild Clinic; 16 attended Jurisdiction Guild Weekend with 4 at the Jurisdiction School of Missions and Christian Service. Each district reported a coaching conference with good attendance. Our spring meeting brought 239 Guild members together for worship and instruction.

Relating this faith and preparation to the frontiers that call and the factors that confront us has brought Christian action in areas of peace, human rights, and legislation on local, state, and national level and special studies of the United Nations.

With such a foundation, how can women do less than give of their gifts? Again, the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild has responded by meeting our Pledge to Missions and Supply Work Askings and accepting an increase for the new year. A total of \$1431.97 was given to **Call to Prayer and Self-Denial**; and at least \$4900 was directed to needs within the local church. Such indicates sacrificial giving by the individual member.

Our membership is a grave concern of all. Though the joint committee has been effective,, there is a great need for this to be a continuous task. We hope and believe the work of this group will continue to bear fruit for a long time.

Change is a part of growth and progress. In the belief that we need this, we are now giving a full weekend to our Conference Guild Committee for its mid-year meeting; workshops on relevant and critical issues have become a part of our Guild Weekend program; and to provide more adequate facilities for our program and for housing, our annual Guild Weekend will be held at Centenary College, Shreveport. Changes have come to our conference committee. Two of our chairmen, two representatives of the Woman's Society, and three district secretaries have completed their term of office. We are grateful to these for their service and contribution to the Guild and know that their interest and service will continue wherever they are. To those who replace these, we give a welcome that carries high anticipation and great expectancy with them and from them.

Guild Times continues to be our channel of promotion and sharing. The Editor and officers want it to become vital to every Guild member and to that end, we pledge our service.

All in all, members of the Wesleyan Service Guild have given of themselves — time, talent, service, and gifts to make this a year of **WITNESS AND SERVICE**.

**CASH FOR SUPPLY WORK ASKINGS
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
1964 - 1965**

Home Field:

Holding Institute, Laredo, Texas ----- \$1,457.00

Foreign Field:

Southern Asia, India ----- 493.00

Magazine and Picture Fund ----- 216.00

Total ----- \$2,166.00

BYLAWS OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

ARTICLE I — Name

Within the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service there shall be for employed women a conference Wesleyan Service Guild.

ARTICLE II — Purpose

The purpose of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall be to plan and direct the work of the Guild within the conference in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Woman's Division.

ARTICLE III — Membership

Representatives from the Wesleyan Service Guilds in the districts, the number to be determined by the conference Guild according to its requirements, such district officers of the Guild as the conference Guild may determine, members of the conference Guild committee and members of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Woman's Division residing in the conference shall be members of the Conference Guild.

ARTICLE IV — Officers and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild who shall be the presiding officer of the Conference Guild. There shall be a recording secretary.

SECTION 2. These officers shall be elected from the membership of the Wesleyan Service Guild within the conference.

SECTION 3. (a) The Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild shall preside at the meetings of the conference Guild and serve as chairman of the Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference. She shall promote the work of the Guild within the conference; receive reports from district secretaries of the Guild; report annually to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the conference and to the jurisdiction secretary of the Guild. In accordance with the pattern of the Woman's Division she shall report to the executive secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Division. She shall be responsible for planning of meetings of the conference Guild; and shall represent the Guild and present its interests at the meetings of the conference society, of which she shall be an official member. She shall attend, as far as possible, district meetings of the Guild and shall be a member of the executive committee of the conference society. She shall present a budget to the committee on Finance of the conference society.

(b) The recording secretary shall keep the minutes of the conference meetings and perform such other duties as may be authorized by the conference Guild.

ARTICLE V — Committees and Their Duties

SECTION 1. There shall be a committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference composed of the Secretary of the Guild, the recording secretary, the chairmen of the lines of work, and the district secretaries of the Guild; the president, the treasurer, and the secretary of promotion of the conference Woman's Society and two other representatives of the Woman's Society to be elected by the conference Guild. Such additional members as the work demands may be co-opted.

SECTION 2. The Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the conference shall assist in the planning of the work of the Guild within the conference. Chairmen to carry on the work of Spiritual Life, Missionary Education and Service, Christian Social Relations, Supply Work, and Literature shall be elected.

SECTION 3. There shall be an Administrative Committee, composed of the Conference Secretary, who shall be the chairman, the Recording Secretary, and three other members of the Conference Guild Committee, who shall be appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary. The Administrative Committee shall transact only necessary business in the interim between meetings of the Conference Guild Committee.

SECTION 4. There shall be a Committee on Nominations composed of three to seven members, whose duty shall be to present nominations of all officers, chairmen of lines of work, and members of the Committee on Nominations.

SECTION 5. There shall be a committee on Bylaws and Standing Rules appointed by the conference secretary. The conference secretary and recording secretary shall be members of this committee.

SECTION 6. There shall be within the Conference Guild Committee a budget committee. The committee shall be composed of the Conference President, the Conference Treasurer, the Conference Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, and two other Guild members appointed biennially by the Conference Secretary.

ARTICLE VI — Elections

SECTION 1. The officers of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild, the chairmen of Lines of Work, the two representatives of the conference Woman's Society, and the Committee on Nominations shall be elected by the conference Guild in regular meeting. The term of office and the time of assuming office shall conform to that prevailing in the conference Woman's Society.

SECTION 2. Vacancies occurring *ad interim* shall be filled for the remainder of the term involved by the conference Wesleyan Service Guild committee.

SECTION 3. The election of the conference secretary of the Guild shall be confirmed by the conference Woman's Society.

SECTION 4. (a) All elections shall be by ballot; except when there is only one candidate for office the election may be by *viva voce*.

(b) So that all vacancies shall not occur within the same year, the following pattern shall be the rule in the election of officers: at the second year the quadrennium the conference secretary, the recording secretary, the Chairman of Spiritual Life Cultivation, the Chairman of Christian Social Relations, the Nominating Committee, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected.

(c) At the fourth year of the quadrennium the Chairman of Missionary Education, the Chairman of Supply, the Chairman of Program Materials, and one Woman's Society member-at-large shall be elected.

ARTICLE VII — Meetings

SECTION 1. There shall be an annual spring meeting of the conference Wesleyan Service Guild, where reports shall be received and necessary business transacted. All regular elections will be held at this spring meeting.

SECTION 2. There shall be an annual Guild Weekend meeting, dates to be determined by the conference committee. All necessary business may be transacted at this annual Weekend.

SECTION 3. The annual Spring Meeting and the annual Guild Weekend are designated as regular business meetings.

ARTICLE VIII — Amendments

SECTION 1. Amendments to these bylaws pertaining only to the Louisiana Conference may be made at any annual meeting of the conference, provided the proposed amendments shall be sent to the Committee of

the conference Guild thirty days before the annual meeting, and the Committee has had an opportunity to approve the proposed amendments before they are submitted to the membership.

SECTION 2. Additional bylaws may be made and amended by the Louisiana Conference Wesleyan Service Guild provided they are in harmony with the Woman's Division constitution and bylaws for the Conference Guild.

STANDING RULES OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

RULE 1. Voting Membership: The Conference Wesleyan Service Guild shall have the following voting membership: one delegate from each local Guild for the first 20 members, plus one delegate for each additional 20 members or major fraction thereof. In addition, each member of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee shall have one vote if present at the meeting; also, such members as are determined by Article III of the Bylaws of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guild may vote if present.

RULE 2. Conference Guild Committee: The Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee shall be composed of members as determined by Article V, Section 1, of the Bylaws. In addition to these the editor of **Guild Times** shall be a co-opted member.

RULE 3. (a) Conference Guild Committee Meetings. There shall be at least two meetings of the Conference Guild Committee each year. One of these shall be in connection with the annual spring meeting. The other shall be a mid-year meeting, the date to be designated by the administrative committee.

(b) There shall be a program of training in Guild work within each district, to be directed by the district Guild committee.

RULE 4. Guild Times: (a) The **Guild Times** shall be the official organ of the Wesleyan Service Guild for promotion of conference work.

(b) The editor shall be appointed by the Conference Secretary and approved by the conference Guild committee at the annual Spring Meeting.

RULE 5. Reports: Out-going officers and chairmen of lines of work shall make all necessary reports for the current year.

RULE 6. Term of Office: When three or more years of an unexpired term is filled in a conference office it shall constitute a full term.

RULE 7. Special Meetings: If it becomes necessary to transact business at any time other than specified in Article VI of the Bylaws, notice of the holding of such meeting, with the date, place, and nature of the business to be transacted, must be given to all members of the conference Guild committee at least two weeks in advance of the meeting date.

RULE 8. Program Committee: (a) The program committee for Guild Weekend and the Spring Meeting shall be composed of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of the Lines of Work, and the District Secretary of the district in which the meeting is to be held.

(b) The committee shall elect its chairman annually at the Guild Weekend.

RULE 9. Nominating Committee: (a) The committee on nominations shall present a slate of eight candidates, one from each district, from which the conference Guild shall elect five members to compose the new committee on nominations.

(b) The committee shall elect its chairman annually at the Spring Meeting.

(c) Nominations to fill unexpired terms shall be presented to the Conference Guild Committee.

RULE 10. Committee on Journal: A committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the minutes of the conference sessions. All minutes of the conference shall be transcribed in a reasonable time, and shall be signed by the Conference Secretary and the Recording Secretary, and copies mailed immediately to Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Committee members.

RULE 11. Finances: (a) Expenses of the Annual Spring Meeting shall be paid from the conference cultivation fund. This includes expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee.

(b) Expenses of the members of the Conference Guild Committee to the mid-year meeting of the Conference Guild Committee shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation fund.

(c) Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Chairmen of the Lines of Work, and co-opted Guild members of the Conference Guild Committee, to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from the Conference Cultivation fund.

(d) Expenses of the District Secretaries to the Conference Guild Weekend shall be paid from District Cultivation funds.

(e) Expenses of the Conference Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and/or the Chairmen of the Lines of Work in the pattern to attend the Jurisdiction Guild Weekend and Jurisdiction School of Missions shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. If four or fewer of this group attend, travel shall be in one car and 5c per mile shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. If five or more persons make up the official delegation, then expenses of two cars at 5c per mile each car shall be paid from Conference Cultivation fund. Travel to and from the place of meeting of an official car shall be paid by the Conference. If any designated person in the pattern should elect to travel by other means than above, she shall do so at her own expense.

(f) Expenses of the two elected delegates to Jurisdiction Guild Weekend shall be paid from Conference Cultivation Fund. The two elected delegates shall travel in one car with an allowed expense of five cents per mile. If they elect to travel in separate cars, they shall prorate the allowed expense of five cents per mile, or two and one-half cents per mile per car.

(g) Transportation by car for members of the Conference Guild Committee on official business within the conference shall be allowed at five cents per mile. Car pools are recommended and care should be exercised to accommodate four persons in a car whenever possible. When conference and district officers of the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Woman's Society of Christian Service and other riders travel together in a car, each person should share in the expense of the car, the conference officer charging her pro-rata share to the conference, and the district officer charging hers to the district, and the other riders assuming their share in the expenses of the car.

(h) All expense accounts shall be approved by the Conference Secretary.

(i) All funds over and above expenses at any conference meeting shall be returned to Conference Cultivation fund.

(j) The Conference Treasurer shall distribute all funds.

RULE 12. Cultivation Fund: The district cultivation fund shall be on the basis of 30c per member.

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